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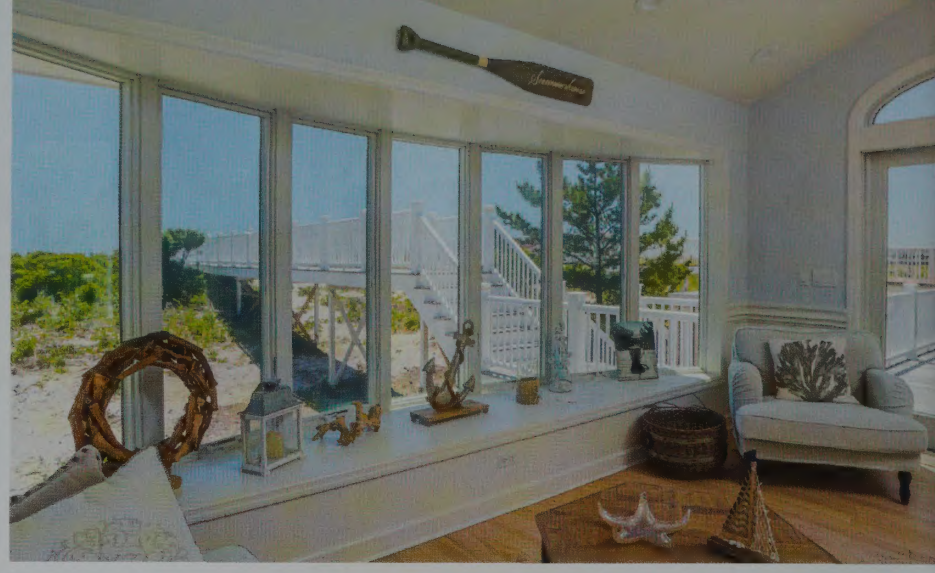

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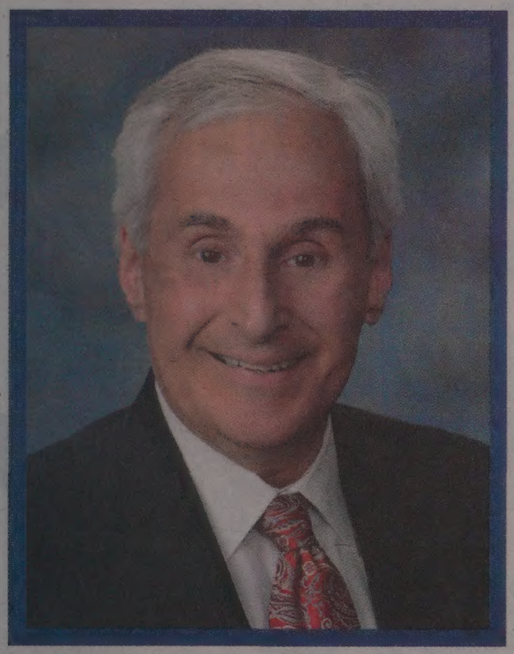

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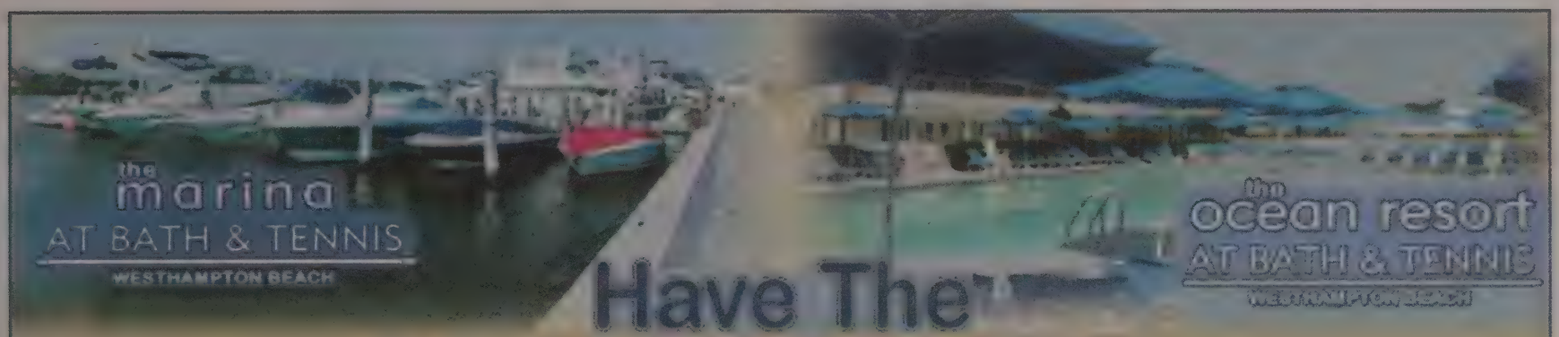


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LIBBIE MUGRABI

BY FLO ANTHONY

*Dan's Papers* was the first news outlet to report the following story. A prominent presence on the social and philanthropy scene in New York, Palm Beach and the Hamptons, multimillionaire philanthropist and fashion designer **Libbie Mugrabi** was arrested at her home in Sag Harbor for a variety of charges on November 22 after allegedly menacing a former employee with a knife and a broom handle, reports Southampton Town police. According to police, 43-year-old Mugrabi's arrest stemmed from a July 31, 2022 incident where police allege she menaced an unnamed former employee with a knife and mop handle during an argument over payment owed to the employee. That argument escalated when police say Mugrabi "forcefully and unlawfully evicted the victim" and broke the victim's cellphone. Mugrabi was taken into custody without incident and brought to Southampton Town Police Headquarters where police say she was charged with a number of offenses, including: two counts of second-degree menacing, a class A misdemeanor, third-degree criminal mischief (a class E felony), and fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon. According to "Page Six," Mugrabi was released with no bail after being arraigned in Southampton Town Justice Court, sources told the outlet. Mugrabi later spoke exclusively to the *New York Post*, telling the outlet that her home was hijacked by domestic "workers who were not supposed to be living there," insisting that she was the victim. Said Mugrabi, "They should have been doing work on my house but not living in my house. The night I came home, a lady was in my guest room — she was supposed to have been let go. I went to use the bathroom, saw her, and I got scared to death." The socialite went on to say the woman threw a cellphone and the bottom of a mop at her. Mugrabi told *The Post* that her handyman convinced the woman to leave, then Mugrabi paid a driver $268 to take her to Brooklyn. Mugrabi added, "She had my vintage flats, Chanel shoes and Balenciaga shoes in her bag. Everything she said I did to her, she did to me."

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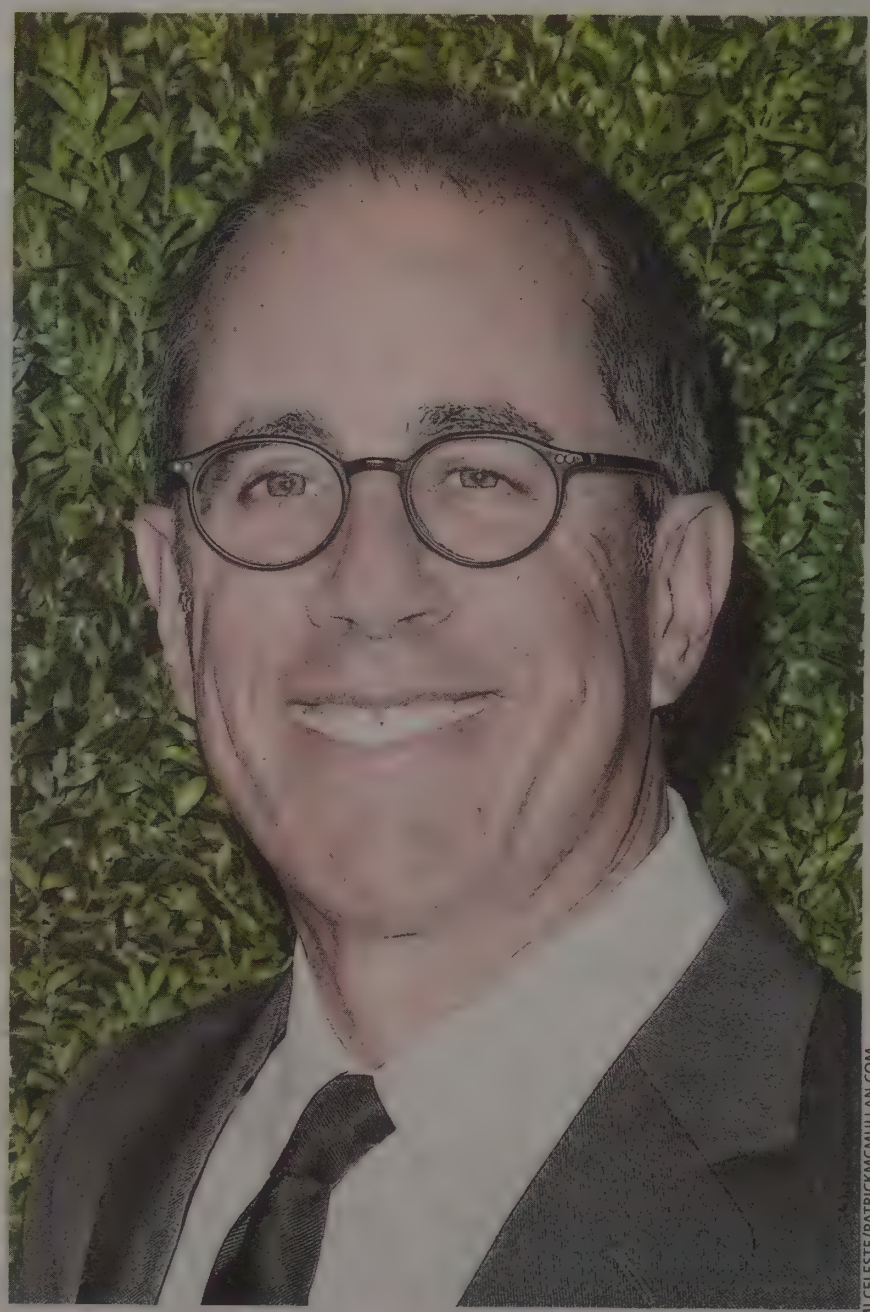
Comedian **Jerry Seinfeld**, who owns a home in East Hampton, confirmed that his good friend **Jay Leno** is "fine" after suffering injuries on his face and hands on November 12 in a gas explosion that occurred as the former *Tonight Show* host was



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JERRY SEINFELD

# SOUTH o' the HIGHWAY

## & NORTH TOO...

working on one of the cars he houses in his garage in Los Angeles recently, reports *OK!* magazine. Said Seinfeld, "They gotta fix it up, but luckily he's not far from Beverly Hills. I imagine there are people there that can help him with whatever he needs." After he was released from the hospital, Leno posed with several nurses with a smile on his face. Jokingly, Seinfeld told a news outlet, "He wasn't that much to look at before." Meanwhile, just in time to become a stocking stuffer, Seinfeld's new book, *The Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee Book*, published by Simon & Schuster, is available for sale.

On November 25, Water Mill resident **Jennifer Lopez** announced she has a new album, *This Is Me... Now*, coming out in 2023, *Variety* reports. This will be Jenny From the Block's first full-length project since 2015. JLo also released a video from the 2002 album *This Is Me. Then*, in which she morphed into the present day, that gave a listing of tracks for the new album, including "Dear Ben Pt. II," which seems to be a dedication to her husband **Ben Affleck**, alluding to the song "Dear Ben," which was the title of a song from the 2002 album.

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Oscar-winning actress/goop founder **Gwyneth Paltrow** and her husband writer **Brad Falchuk** were seen strolling around the Hamptons on Thanksgiving Day, reports the *Daily Mail*. In a video posted on social media, the Amagansett resident showcased how to create fast appetizers for the holiday that included potato chips with caviar called the diablo, along with bagna cauda, which is a sauce made with anchovies. Watch out, **Martha Stewart**!

**Sailor Brinkley-Cook**, who is Bridgehampton supermodel-turned-entrepreneur **Christie Brinkley**'s daughter, has joined forces with **Ira Aldanmaz DeWitt**, the founder of Saint Candles, to launch Sacred + Divine, a wellness-product brand. DeWitt is the wife of St. Louis Cardinals president, **Bill DeWitt III**. Says Brinkley-Cook, "Our ideas really aligned, mine and Ira's." Brinkley-Cook told *Newsday* in a telephone interview, "I've always wanted to start my own brand. It's always been something that I've been very passionate about." Sacred + Divine launched October 23 as a website that features $24 room sprays, $45 meditation candles, and "angel number" necklaces that start at $888. The site describes the jewelry as being handmade in Los Angeles with 14-karat recycled gold.

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AMY LAU, IRIS DANKNER AND JEAN SHAFIROFF

On November 9, Holiday House NYC hosted their Fall 2022 Designer Showhouse event at The Kent, a 30-story luxury residential tower on the Upper East Side of Manhattan as a fundraiser for the Breast Cancer Research Foundation (BCRF). Founder and breast cancer survivor **Iris Dankner**, of Southampton, was joined by co-chairs **Amy Lau**, who has designed homes throughout the Hamptons, and fellow Southampton resident **Jean Shafiroff**, reported *Times Square Gossip*. Extell and CL Investment Group presented the event, which featured the talents of Kate Brandt Interiors, Elsa Sayers Interiors, Susan Glick Interiors and others. Their designs highlighted a wide variety of ideas for various rooms.

### We Hear ...

And just like that, Amagansett resident **Sarah Jessica Parker** returned to her *Sex and the City* Upper East Side stomping grounds on November 4 to film the upcoming season of the TV show's reboot, *And Just Like That...*, reports Upper East Site. Parker, who plays Carrie Bradshaw, and Montauker **Cynthia Nixon**, who plays Miranda Hobbs, filmed a scene near the corner of East 74th Street and Madison Avenue where Bradshaw is walking and talking on a cellphone. In the scene, she stands in front of gourmet grocery store Marche Madison. From there, when the director called "Action!" SJP as Bradshaw walked north on Madison Avenue, then turned the corner and laughed and smiled as she walked past extras on the sidewalk.

The Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation is offering photos with Santa and the Grinch Saturday and Sunday, December 3–4 from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. at 102 Old Riverhead Road West in Hampton Bays.

### Sightings ...

East Hampton resident **Sean "Diddy" Combs**, his girlfriend rapper **Yung Miami**, and his daughters, twins Jessie and D'Lila, and Chance, volunteering at The Caring Place on November 24 in Miami, FL, dressed in all black with matching #DiddyGiving T-shirts.

**Jimmy Fallon** of Sagaponack singing on top of a float at the Macy's 96th Thanksgiving Day Parade.

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# Hans Van de Bovenkamp Studio Art Show: Inspiration, Color, Process

World-renowned artist/sculptor Hans Van de Bovenkamp opened his gallery and studio in Sagaponack on Saturday, November 26 to present *Inspiration, Color, Process*, a show presenting the works of three distinguished contemporary artists: Anahi DeCanio, Christine Matthäi and Beth O'Donnell, and featuring Van de Bovenkamp's collection of sculptures, paintings and works on paper. Curated and produced by Geralyne Lewandowski, the event drew an enthusiastic crowd to the 7-acre property and sculpture garden. A portion of the proceeds benefited the Ellen Hermanson Foundation.

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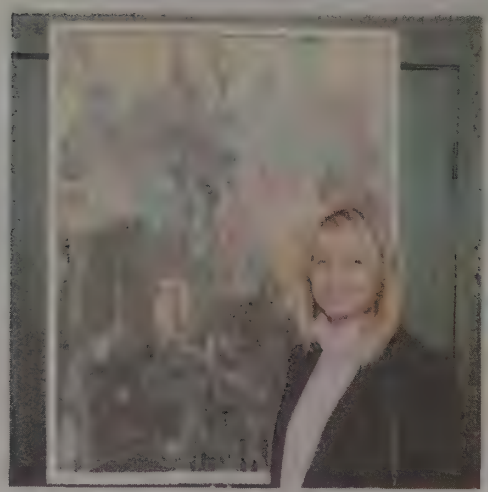
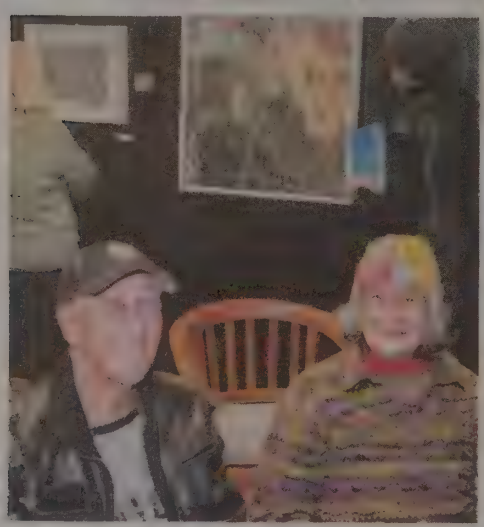
Christine Matthäi, Geralyne Lewandowski, Hans Van de Bovenkamp, Anahi DeCanio, Beth O'Donnell



Christine Matthai with her art

Geralyne Lewandowski, Hans Van de Bovenkamp

Beth O'Donnell with her art



Jose Vales, Fusae Shigezawa

Anahi DeCanio with her art

Hans Van de Bovenkamp, Cay Chandler

Hans Van de Bovenkamp sculpture

Geralyne Lewandowski, Julie Ratner
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# Wölffer Estate Vineyard's Joey Wölffer Hosts Night of Lights

Wölffer Estate Vineyard's Joey Wölffer (chief brand officer/co-owner) hosted the second annual Night of Lights Celebration on November 19. The intimate dinner treated guests to a special preview of the vineyard's 13th annual Lighting of the Vines which takes place on Friday, December 2 and will benefit the Bridgehampton Child Care & Recreational Center with a silent auction of holiday wreaths designed by community artists, designers and business owners.

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Emily Tisch Sussman, Joey Wölffer, Sally Holmes, Laney Crowell

Fern Mallis

Max Rohn, Roman Roth

Pilar Guzmán, Chris Mitchell

## Danielle FASHION PIC OF THE WEEK

**FLAVIANA MATATA**
***Seen at:*** Wölffer Estate Vineyard's Night of Lights dinner
***What we love:*** Head-to-toe chic, holiday elegance, perfectly patterned!
**PHOTO: NEIL RASMUS/BFA.COM**

# Maidstone Club Kicks Off 2022 EH House & Garden Tour

A kick-off cocktail party for the East Hampton House & Garden Tour to benefit the East Hampton Historical Society took place at the historic Maidstone Club in East Hampton on Friday, November 25. The annual House & Garden Tour on November 26 drew more than 800 attendees, the biggest attendance in its 37-year history.

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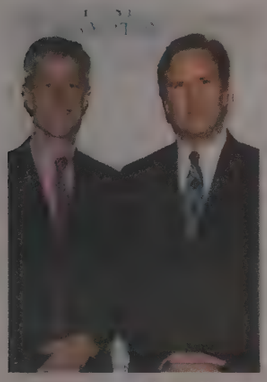
Ayse Kenmore, Dianne Benson, Lys Marigold



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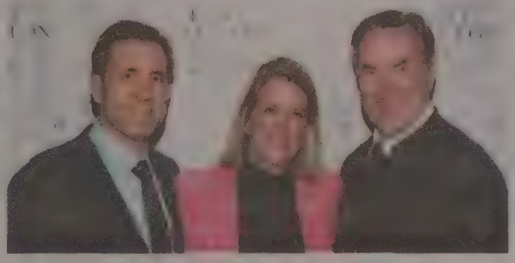

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# LI Music Hall of Fame Celebrates New Home in Stony Brook Village

The Long Island Music and Entertainment Hall of Fame (LIMEHOF), founded in 2004 with a mission to celebrate Long Island's musical heritage, celebrated the grand opening of its new home at the Ward Melville Educational and Cultural Center in Stony Brook Village with a star-studded ribbon cutting ceremony on November 22.
Helping to make this new home for LIMEHOF possible is LI Catholic Health Care System. Joe Carofano, senior vice president of strategy and chief marketing officer, said, "Catholic Health is committed and rooted in LI, and we like to partner with likeminded organizations who celebrate the successes of LI." The LIMEHOF recognizes over 120 inductees, including Billy Joel, Joan Jett, Debbie Gibson, and families and estates of Harry Chapin, Guy Lombardo, John Coltrane have donated visual elements and rare artifacts such as their musical instruments. limehof.org

**PHOTOGRAPHY BY ED SHIN**

Elisa Di Stefano, Joan MacNaughton, Kevin O'Connor (Dime Bank CEO)

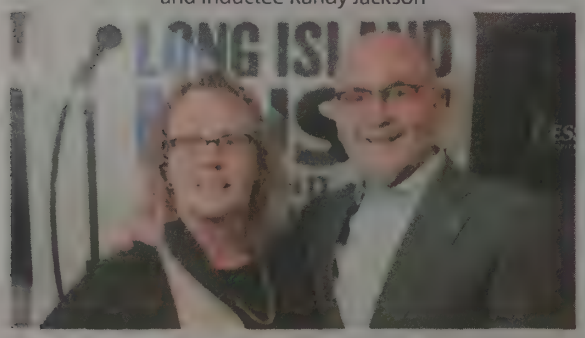
Wayne Robins (inductee), Norman Prusslin (Co-Founder, LIMEHOF), Ernie Canadeo (chairman, LIMEHOF)

Bonnie Parker (Inductee), Denny Colt and guest

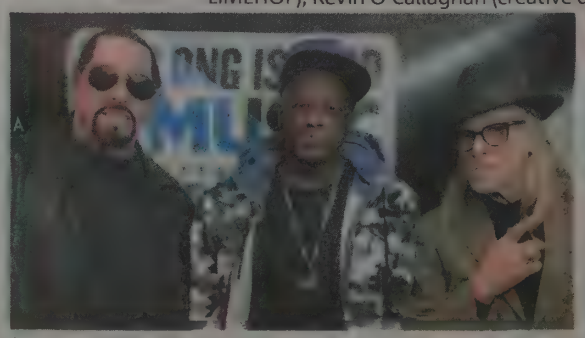
Ribbon cutting for LIMEHOF with Ernie Canadeo (Chairman, LIMEHOF) handling the scissors

Ernie Canadeo (Chairman, LIMEHOF) and Inductee Randy Jackson

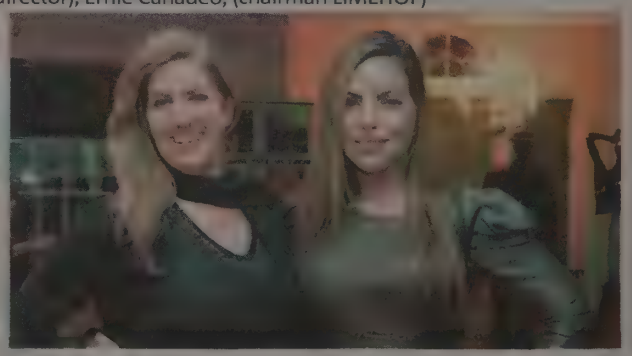
Inductee Randy Jackson (far right) with fellow Zebra members Felix Hanemann and Guy Gelso, Jim Faith (board member, LIMEHOF), Kevin O'Callaghan (creative director), Ernie Canadeo, (chairman LIMEHOF)



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carafano, Event Sponsor Executive VP Catholic Health LI



Mark Mendoza (Twisted Sister), Lawrence Worrell, Elliott Murphy (inductee)



News 12 Anchor Antoinette Biordi, Luciene Serifovic

# 46th Annual Montauk Turkey Run for Fun on Thanksgiving

The 46th annual Montauk Turkey Run For Fun took place Thanksgiving morning on November 24 with over 975 registrants signed up to participate. Family and friends gathered to run and walk the 3- and 6-mile routes that began and ended at the Village Green. The fun run, originally started by John Keeshan, has benefited several food pantries, including the Montauk Food Pantry, East Hampton Food Pantry, Springs Food Pantry and Meals on Wheels.

**PHOTOGRAPHY BY JESSICA SFORZA**

Maureen Chakraborty, Lauren Chakraborty, David Chakraborty

Adrienne Ratto, Alessandro Ratto, Karen Adler, Giulia Ratto, Phoebe Adler, Luca Ratto, Leo Adler

Julian Blandon, Taff Kiesewetter in costume, Joshua Blandon

Runners head out of the starting gate

Montauk Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Casper Fowkes, Montauk Turkey Run for Fun Founder John Keeshan, Patty Sales

Annual participants since 2015, runners Henrietta Waltz, Valerie Waltz, Franz Waltz

Maria Gillin announcing for participants to line up

Frankie Morris, Cheyenne Morris, Johnny Morris, Greg Morris

# Dan's Papers 'Gratitude Abounds' Photo Contest WINNER

Michael Martin, a resident of Aquebogue, is the winner of our November "Gratitude Abounds" photo contest for this touching photo he took at the beach when he was with his young son. Michael says, "When I look at this picture and see my son's smaller Crocs next to mine, I can't help but to feel thankful and grateful for having someone that I'm so close to and who depends on me, and the fact that we are very fortunate to be able to live and to experience all this beauty around us." Michael will receive a $100 gift certificate to Calissa in Water Mill and a chance for his work to grace a future cover of *Dan's Papers*! Thank you to everyone who submitted photos of gratitude — we appreciated them and will show the runners up in the coming weeks. The December contest is open and we hope you submit. Happy holidays!

Michael Martin's "Gratitude Abounds" contest winner

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# NEWS & VIEWS

## Hamptons Rabbi Ushers in Kosher Kitchen for World Cup in Qatar

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

An influential East End rabbi helped open the first-ever kosher kitchen in Qatar to feed Jewish soccer fans traveling to the Muslim nation that is hosting the monthlong FIFA World Cup series.

Rabbi Marc Schneier, leader of The Hampton Synagogue in Westhampton Beach, announced the kitchen, which is under the supervision of Rabbi Mendy Chitrik of Istanbul, who is also chairman of the Alliance of Rabbis in Islamic States, and his son, Rabbi Eliyahu Chitrik. The kosher food includes the baking of the first bagels in Qatar and other ethnically Jewish delicacies.

"The leadership of the State of Qatar is performing a 'mitzvah' by making kosher food available for members of the worldwide Jewish community, including those traveling from Israel," said Schneier, who is also president of the New York-based Foundation for Ethnic Understanding. "Furthermore, the Qataris have stood by and followed through on every commitment that was made to welcome Jewish fans to this prestigious event."

Qatar has no indigenous Jewish community or kosher food production, making it harder for Jewish football fans to share in the celebration of the World Cup, which ends December 18. It also has no relations with the State of Israel, but recently announced direct flights from the Jewish state for the duration of the competition.

Rabbi Schneier thanked H.E. Mr. Akbar Al Baker, CEO of Qatar Airways, for dedicating a kosher kitchen at QACC — Qatar Aircraft Catering Company, and Attila Dogudan, Chairman of FIFA's VIP caterer Do & Co, for overseeing the Kosher Qatar initiative.

RABBI MARC SCHNEIER OR HAMPTON SYNAGOGUE IN WESTHAMPTON BEACH

## Riverhead Town Officially in Contract for PBMC's Second Street Property

BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

Riverhead Town has officially entered into contract to purchase the Peconic Bay Medical Center Foundation's Robert Entenmann Campus on Second Street, where Riverhead Town Hall will eventually be relocated.

Supervisor Yvette Aguiar made the announcement November 23, about four months after first revealing plans to buy the property at 4-6 West Second Street in downtown Riverhead, which, in July, she said would be about $20 million. The exact figure was not provided in the statement.

"Officially entering into contract, brings us one step closer to finally realizing the entire Town Board's goal of establishing a new, modern Town Hall," Aguiar said in a statement.

Aguiar also says the acquisition will make town hall central to the town's overall revitalization plan, while Peconic Bay Medical Center is reinvesting the sale proceeds into expanding the emergency department, women's health services and further ambulatory expansion.

"We are thrilled to be of assistance to the town and offer the property for sale. In turn, this new venture will enable us to expand our medical infrastructure and services to the community," said Amy Loeb, executive director of Peconic Bay Medical Center.

While the closing date is not clear, Aguiar says the transition is expected to begin within three months. Officials expect it to take approximately one year to complete.

In July, the Riverhead supervisor signed a letter of intent to buy the 4.2-acre property at 4, 5 and 6 West Second Street and 214 Griffing Avenue, which offers four structures, including a 36,000-square-foot, three-story building currently being used for the hospital's executive offices. That building is in move-in-ready condition featuring modern, corporate offices and a downstairs kitchen.

Moving town hall to 4 West Second Street will solve a myriad of problems that have plagued the town for the better part of two decades. It will consolidate Town Hall, currently spread out across four properties, while also freeing up room in the current main Town Hall building on Howell Avenue for the Riverhead Town Justice Court, which has long been criticized for cramped, unsafe quarters, including staff working out of portable trailers.

The justice court, currently at 210 Howell Avenue, will be relocated to the current Town Hall and the Police Department will expand their offices and remain at their current location.

APPLE MAPS

AN AERIAL MAP OF THE COMPLEX, INCLUDING THE 36,000-SQUARE-FOOT MAIN BUILDING AT 4 WEST SECOND STREET AND THE PEOPLE'S UNITED BANK NEXT DOOR.APPLE MAPS

Meanwhile, the new town hall at 4 West Second Street will provide a meeting room, as well as office space for the following departments, including the tax receiver, town clerk, assessor, code enforcement, building and planning, human resources and more. The supervisor, council members and the town attorney's office will also have offices in the building.

Meanwhile, the cost of the acquisition will be offset by income the town stands to collect. People's United Bank leases the building at 6 West Second Street for an annual rent of $200,000.

In addition to the main building and the People's United Bank building, the complex includes a two-story annex building to the west, which could be leased out, as well as a house with historical value, which Aguiar is hoping to restore and make the town historian's building. There are also 300 parking spaces.

In 2020, the Peconic Bay Medical Center Foundation bought the shuttered Mercy High School, a 24.8-acre property, from the Diocese of Rockville Centre for $14 million.

As the hospital develops its plans for the former school property, it will need permits from the Town of Riverhead.

# NEWS & VIEWS

## AMCS Treating 20 Cold-Stunned Endangered Turtles

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

A Hampton Bays-based marine wildlife rescue group is treating 20 critically endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtles that were among 200 recently cold-stunned off the coast of New England.

NOAA Fisheries New England/Mid-Atlantic, a federal agency, asked the Atlantic Marine Conservation Society (AMCS), a local nonprofit organization, to help the turtles, thereby freeing up space in Massachusetts animal care facilities. Another nonprofit, Turtles Fly Too, flew the turtles to the Hamptons.

"All animals were triaged, and we are happy to report that all 20 turtles are already swimming in our three tanks," AMCS said.

Only 7,000–9,000 nesting female Kemp's ridley sea turtles remain alive worldwide. Cold-stunning occurs when sea turtles become weak and inactive as they're exposed to waters below 50 degrees Fahrenheit before they migrate south for winter.

COURTESY OF NYMRC

COLD STUNNED KEMP'S RIDLEY SEA TURTLE

EAST HAMPTON VILLAGE'S "CHARLIE BROWN" CHRISTMAS TREES ARE GETTING AN UPGRADE AFTER THANKSGIVING

## 'Charlie Brown' Size Christmas Trees Will Be Replaced in East Hampton Village

BY OLIVER PETERSON

Pedestrians in East Hampton Village may have noticed that this year's Christmas trees aren't quite standing at their usual size, but Mayor Jerry Larsen says the problem will be rectified soon.

According to the mayor, the current 4-foot trees installed this week were as much as 2 feet shorter than the usual 5–6-foot trees the village ordered, as they do every year for the holiday season.

"They look like Charlie Brown trees," Mayor Larsen said, noting that he's well aware of the problem. Unfortunately, he said the diminutive conifers would have to do until after the Thanksgiving holiday, but they will be replaced with larger trees next week.

Larsen assures the community that the small trees will be returned to the supplier who will resell them, so there are no wasted trees or tax dollars here.

The new, 5–6-foot trees are due to be delivered on Monday and will be installed with white lights as soon as possible after they arrive. All trees will certainly be ready for the annual East Hampton Village Santa Parade on Saturday, December 3, featuring our beloved *Dan's Papers* founder Dan Rattiner as Santa Claus!

Under Larsen as mayor, East Hampton Village trees have white lights, though some trees were given multicolored lights on the outskirts of town. And, of course, the lone tree in the center of Town Pond remains lit with blue lights, reflecting the long-held traditional color from East Hampton's past.

"We wanted white, but we kept some blue and multicolor trees, so there's something for everyone," Larsen said, explaining that each East Hampton Village mayor gets the privilege of choosing the color scheme for how the trees will be lit for the holidays, and he likes white lights.

Thankfully, he also likes normal-sized trees.

## Federal Lawsuit Over East Hampton Airport Dropped

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

A national aviation group has dropped its federal lawsuit against the Town of East Hampton seeking to block the locality from enacting stricter rules governing flights at East Hampton Airport.

The National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) filed a motion November 23 to dismiss its case in Central Islip federal court in which the town was named as a defendant. The move came after a Suffolk County court judge recently issued an injunction, which the town is appealing, that bars East Hampton officials from temporarily closing the airport to enact its new rules without first performing an environmental review.

"The state court's injunction covers the requirement to comply with the Airport Noise and Capacity Act (ANCA)," NBAA said in a statement to *Dan's Papers*. "There is no longer a need to continue litigation at the federal level and we therefore filed a request to dismiss the suit without prejudice. We look forward to working toward a solution that secures the long-term future of the airport."

The NBAA suit was one of seven lawsuits filed by more than 30 plaintiffs combined in response to the town's long-sought airport reforms it tried to enact this year. The other six cases are still pending.

Town officials could not immediately be reached for comment.

DAN'S COLUMN

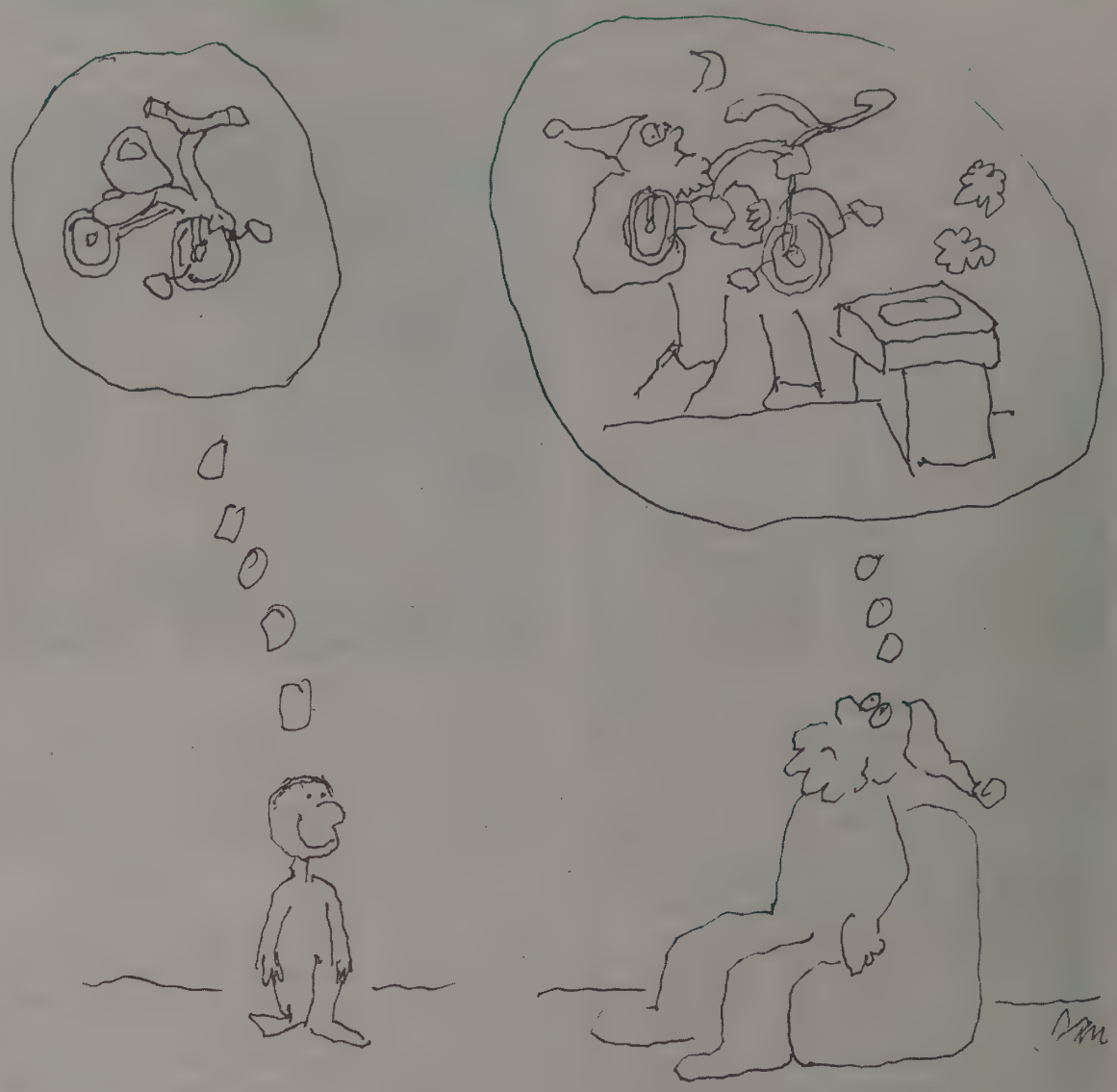
# Tenth Year Santa

BY DAN RATTINER

Please do not allow anybody younger than the age of 8 to read this column. Thank you.

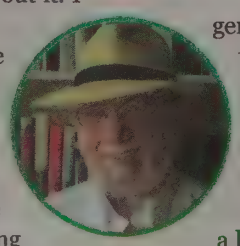
This is the 10th year in a row that I will appear as Santa Claus at the annual East Hampton Village Santa Parade. I will be up there this Saturday morning coming down Main Street at 11 a.m., me and the missus waving to the crowd from high up in our sleigh as the very last float in this parade. We will be hauled along by eight reindeer (grown men and women from the Kiwanis Club in zip-up reindeer suits pulling ropes) and we will smile and wave to the crowd lining Main Street and Newtown Lane, among whom will be many small children who will likely be staggered by what they see, bursting into tears of joy, grinning, clapping and jumping up and down, while other small children, filled with fear, scurry behind their parents' legs to then peer out cautiously but wide-eyed at us. He's real! He's real!

Well, actually, no. (Which is why I asked that nobody under 8 be allowed to read this.) We are real, in the sense that from way up there at the North Pole we were dressed and spoken to by Santa before we all headed out — tens of thousands of us — to our respective towns and villages around the country. Fact is, Santa still reads every letter sent to him. He's incredibly busy just prior to Christmas. And as he says, "I can't be everywhere," so we volunteers act as sort of ambassadors for him. No, that's not right, we act as sort of a pretending to be him so folks can get a sort of preview of what will happen on Christmas night when, shimmying down all the chimneys, he comes down for real.



CARTOON BY DAN RATTINER

I am unburdening myself at this time because I have now completed my 10-year term in this job. Some say there are term limits to being Santa. If there are, I'd like to be told straight up about it. I will be very sad if I have to step down.



On the other hand, I'm not quite done here. I'm to make a second appearance in East Hampton on Saturday, December 10, arriving at noon by helicopter, landing in Herrick Park behind all the stores. You can come to the park to watch. I'll be smiling from the chopper window, coming down the ladder, waving to the crowd, and then wishing everyone the best. After that, I'll take a siren and flashing light trip in a fire truck around town, visit the movie theater, then reboard the chopper to fly back to the North Pole, where I'll make a further report about how things went.

Santa himself invited me to do this second visit. He texted me. He said they'd been looking for the paperwork about the term limits and so far they haven't been able to find any. The files up there are in an underground storage room buried under nearly 15 feet of snow. It's really cold. They dig down, look around a while, but then have to come out. They will try again tomorrow.

"I'll be very sad if you have to leave," he told me. "We've been really proud of how you've done. So your second trip this year is special."

Indeed, I have to go back up to the pole tomorrow for a three-day training session. I'll be meeting the pilot. Learning how to take over if there's an emergency. Doing a series of dress rehearsals, touch-and-go landings jumping out with a parachute in case that needs to happen.

"It will be a lot different than when you first came up here for training 10 years ago," Santa continued. "Back then we had a lot of paperwork for you to sign, we did a background check, had you meet with psychiatrists, undergo a battery of medical tests, get your "ho-ho-ho!" approved, sign off on insurance papers, practice your waving to the crowd and so forth. Now it's all hands-on, familiarity with the aircraft, running in place, lifting weights, doing stretches and so forth and so on. You ain't no spring chicken anymore."

Great sense of humor, Santa.

And as I look back at it all, I have such fond memories. I remember that first year, standing, smiling and waving to the crowd as we made the turn from Main Street to Newtown Lane where, without warning, I bumped my head on the overhead traffic light. Had to call a halt to things there on the floor of the sleigh while I got a little CPR, a glass of water, a shot of whiskey and a new pair of glasses to wear.

I recall in prior years wearing transition lens glasses instead of my regular wire-rimmed glasses. They'd turn dark in the sunshine. Not appropriate. I remember when for a few years we had a middle school elf in the back seat of the sleigh operating a rigged vacuum cleaner that blew sliced potato flakes high in the air to flutter down as snowflakes. They'd collect in my beard and on my glasses so I couldn't see.

I've climbed into big red-and-white Santa chairs so I could hear what the kids whispered they wanted for Christmas while sitting on my lap in the Nicole Miller Store, in the Maidstone Arms, in the Huntting Inn, and one year, right on the white line in the middle of Newtown Lane, closed down for a fair with ponies and apple cider, toys and games on the snowy street.

I also, ahead of time this year, had to buy a new white beard and hair set since the older set I had was getting dirty and raggedy. And I also donated a heavy 7-foot wool-and-feather piping plover costume to the village, which I'd ordered for the Artists & Writers Annual Softball Game. The costume came from Mongolia — actually northern Mongolia where, at this past August's game, in 90-degree summer weather, nobody was willing to allow themselves to be zipped up into such a bulky outfit. Here in the Christmas parade this Saturday, December 3, Mr. Piping Plover will waddle along with the men in the snowman suit, the clown suit, the tin soldier suit and *The Nutcracker* prince suit.

Anyway, I'll be here both December 3 and 10. Be there or be square.

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# Long Island Music and Entertainment Hall of Fame Debuts in Stony Brook

BY BARBARA ANNE KIRSHNER

The Long Island Music and Entertainment Hall of Fame (LIMEHOF) now has a permanent home in Stony Brook, where the public can learn about local music and entertainment legends since its grand opening on November 25.

This nonprofit organization founded in 2004 with a mission to celebrate Long Island's musical heritage has been searching for the right space to call its home. They finally found it at the Ward Melville Educational and Cultural Center, a stately 8,800-square-foot colonial style building anchoring Stony Brook Village at 97 Main Street in Stony Brook.

The melding of LIMEHOF with WMHO is the brainchild of Gloria D. Rocchio, president of the Ward Melville Heritage Organization, who said, "When I heard that LIMEHOF was looking for a permanent home, I called its chairman, Ernie Canadeo, and the rest is history."

This Stony Brook Village location is the perfect spot for the home of the Hall of Fame with its active picturesque center abounding in restaurants, shops, and parks, located near other LI cultural attractions including The Long Island Museum, The Jazz Loft and The Reboli Center for Art and History.

On November 22, a red-carpet preview event featuring a star-studded ribbon-cutting ceremony included previous inductees to the HOF such as Mark Mendoza and Jay Jay French of Twisted Sister, Joe and Albert Bouchard of Blue Öyster Cult, Randy Jackson, Felix Hanemann and Guy Gelso of Zebra, Bonnie Parker, Paula Janice and Carole Demis of television's *The Magic Garden*, Jen Chapin, and Elliott Murphy of the Rapscallions.

Representing the great bandleader/guitarist Sam "Bluzman" Taylor, who died in 2009, was his daughter Sandra Taylor and her son the R&B Soul musician L*A*W, who said, "My grandfather was known for his prolific work with some of the greats including Joey Dee and the Starliters, Etta James, and Otis Redding, and was inspirational to DMZ and Jay-Z. We are thrilled he has been recognized here."

"Our dream finally came true," Canadeo exuberantly told the crowd. "We thank the board of the WMHO for giving us this unbelievable colonial building. And we would like to thank our inductees who have donated such incredible memorabilia to display. And Catholic Health who helped make this new home possible and is sponsoring with us an important initiative called Health and Harmony which will launch next year and will explore the relationships between music, entertainment and our health."

Joe Carofano, senior vice president strategy, chief marketing officer said, "Catholic Health is committed and rooted in LI and we like to partner with like-minded organizations who celebrate the successes of LI."

"This 20-year project started September 7, 2003, when we met up at Stony Brook University to discuss it. In January 2004, HOF was created. This 20-year effort has come to fruition!" beamed cofounder Norm Prusslin.

The transformation of the Cultural Center into an exciting celebration of the LI music scene was placed in the hands of world-renowned designer Kevin O'Callaghan, whose vision is to rotate exhibitions representing the history of music on Long Island. This premier exhibit titled "Long Island's Legendary Club Scene — 1960s-1980s" features on the main floor the façades of iconic clubs such as Hammerheads in Levittown, Action House and Speaks in Island Park, The Mad Hatter in Stony Brook and My Father's Place in Roslyn. A peek inside shows visitors videos of artists who played there including Twisted Sister, Zebra, and Blue Öyster Cult. A wide range of memorabilia is on display including vintage ads, posters, instruments, and an authentic club stage with classic equipment and sound system.

"Randy Jackson came at 10 p.m. at night to help set up this stage and he found these speakers," O'Callaghan shared. "What you are looking at are speakers from the late 70s that Zebra used when they played the clubs."

BARBARA ANNE KIRSHNER

JEN CHAPIN PERFORMED AT THE HOF

Jackson added, "This home has been a long time coming and this location is great. I love how this turned out."

"This building represents an enormous amount of talent that almost never gets recognized," said Jay Jay French of Twisted Sister. "If you think about the capitals of music in the world there's Liverpool, Detroit, LA, but this building says to the world without New York, Brooklyn, LI and Queens, you really got nothing."

A facsimile of the bar from My Father's Place that doubles as a glass showcase displays mementos from the Long Island bar scene such as matchbook covers, coasters, and cocktail menus. There is also a wall of old ticket stubs, as well as a 10-foot-long map of Long Island showing the locations of the clubs back then.

"Instead of focusing on one inductee, we decided to highlight the clubs that gave birth to all these artists on Long Island," says O'Callaghan. "It's a nice way to introduce the museum."

"This place is so special because it's personal. These are places we all experienced," co-founder Rich L'Hommedieu said. "Places we went to with our feet on the floor and Dee Snider's sweat on us. LI has been a wealth of musical talent for over 100 years."

The permanent Hall of Fame, located on the second floor, displays plaques and exhibits recognizing more

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BARBARA ANNE KIRSHNER

HOF COFOUNDERS RICH L'HOMMEDIEU, NORM PRUSSLIN AND CHAIRMAN ERNIE CANADEO

than 120 inductees. There is a section for a library, classrooms for educational programs and master classes, and a surround-sound theater.

Inducted artists including Billy Joel, Joan Jett, Debbie Gibson, Bonnie Parker, Blue Öyster Cult, Twisted Sister, and families and estates of Harry Chapin, Guy Lombardo, John Coltrane, and Perry Como have donated visual elements and rare artifacts such as their musical instruments, magnificent performance costumes, Billy Joel's Harley Davidson motorcycles, Perry Como's Emmy Award, Joan Jett's vintage first car, rare posters and photos, handwritten lyrics, and much more.

Standing next to her glass-enclosed stage costume, Bonnie Parker said, "This is fabulous for all LI musicians. We all came up in the clubs together and we all made an impact on LI and the rest of the world, and many of us are still rocking out."

"People really want to relive old times," explained O'Callaghan. "Nothing does that like music. Hearing a song could put a smile on your face that brings you back to your old girlfriend or boyfriend. That's what this whole first exhibition is about."

Carole Demas of *The Magic Garden* commented on the magnitude of this new home, saying, "This is about the power of music. Remembering the happy times, the things that inspire you to feel."

Acclaimed music journalist Wayne Robins, best known for his 20 years of work with *Newsday*, was honored as the latest inductee.

"There was a time when *Newsday* was the media monopoly on LI and teenagers would look for my reviews of shows or record reviews and they would write me letters," he said. "I had a direct relationship with my audience. I am told that I helped shape a generation of Long Islanders' musical tastes."

Topping off the evening, the crowd was treated to performances by Zebra, Paula and Carole of *The Magic Garden*, Jen Chapin, Elliott Murphy, and members of Blue Öyster Cult, who all seemed at home on the replicated '70s stage.

The permanent home of LIMEHOF is now open to the public.

Long Island Music and Entertainment Hall of Fame and museum is open Wednesdays to Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. Admission: Adult $19.50, seniors (65+) and veterans $17, students (w/ID) $15, children younger than 12 enter free.

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# REAL ESTATE

# Linden Estate Sets Record for Non-Waterfront Sale in the Hamptons

RICHARD TAVERNA FOR SOTHEBY'S INTERNATIONAL REALTY

THE LINDEN ESTATE AT NIGHT

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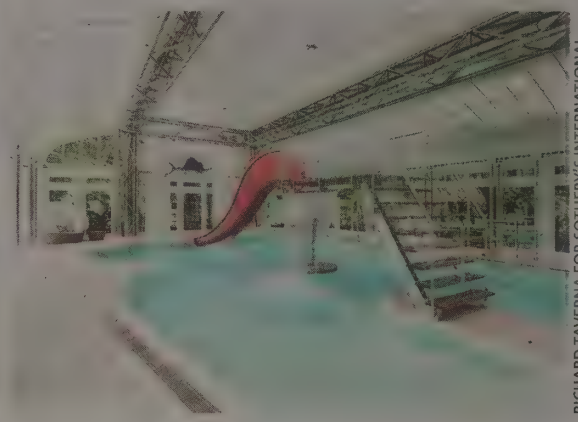

RICHARD TAVERNA FOR SOTHEBY'S INTERNATIONAL REALTY

THE INDOOR POOL

BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

The Linden Estate in Southampton Village, on the market for the better part of a decade, has officially been sold for $70 million — the highest price ever paid for a non-waterfront property in the Hamptons.

Harald Grant of Sotheby's International Realty and Tim Davis of the Corcoran Group co-listed the 10-acre property at 160 Ox Pasture Road and Davis also represented the buyers, who paid slightly over the last asking price of $69.95 million. In August, *Behind The Hedges* reported the estate went into contract.

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The traditional-style manor house with its recognizable red-tile gambrel roof spans 18,000 square feet and is located in the exclusive estate section.

"Very few properties can compare in terms of the acreage, the incredible landscaping, the size of the main residence, and the array of incredible amenities, especially the pool house conservatory," Grant has said in the past. "Most of all its provenance is nonpareil, from the original architect, Grosvenor Atterbury, to the Frederick Law Olmsted park-like landscape design."

There is no word yet on who the new owners are. Grant declined to comment.

Juergen Friedrich, a former executive of Esprit, and his wife, Anke Beck-Friedrich, who owned it in a holding company's name, were the sellers.

The Friedrichs purchased the Linden Estate for about $8.5 million in 2002, according to *Curbed Hamptons*. In 2008, they listed it for $60 million and eventually rented the property, reportedly at the price of $850,000 per month, according to *Business Insider*. It later popped back up on the market in 2013 for about $45 million.

In late 2020, it was re-listed for $75 million.

The estate boasts two pools, one of which is an indoor ozone lap pool that sits under a crystal pavilion and features a playful water slide and waterfall. The pool outside also has a spa, surrounded by a stone patio. Renowned interior designer Steven Gambrel recently completed a pool pavilion.

There is also a grass tennis court, a paddle court and two pavilions with full kitchens and arbors.

The estate's name comes from the specimen trees that line the property and came from Olmsted, the father of landscape architecture who is best known for designing Central Park and the Biltmore Estate.

Atterbury, who spent summers on his family's 80-acre estate in nearby Shinnecock Hills (a section in Shinnecock Hills is now called the Atterbury Estates), designed the home in 1915.

Today, the grandeur of Atterbury's design is still evident with many of the authentic details preserved. There is original millwork and massive fireplaces — a total of eight wood-burning fireplaces. A grand hall leads into the main living room with coffered ceilings, where glass doors in the living room provide a picturesque view of the estate with its mature trees, flowering shrubs, evergreen perimeters and rose gardens. In the library, the original oak walls, lined in leather, can be found, along with hand-carved, ornamental plaster ceilings.

**Record Sale in the Hamptons**

Looking at the top sales for 2022, the Linden Estate transaction is the second priciest of the year.

The most expensive sale of the year still belongs to the $84.5 million trade on Lily Pond Lane in East Hampton. The 8.5-acre estate was sold in January by Ron Perelman, the embattled chairman and chief executive of MacAndrews & Forbes, which most notably oversees Revlon.

The third highest is the sale of two properties on Tyson Lane in Amagansett. The designer Helmut Lang sold them for a combined $67.5 million.

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## 9 Ways To Secure Your Home

**1. REINFORCE SLIDING GLASS DOORS** You can use a window bar in the track or mounted to the middle of the door to keep the door from being forced open, or use an electronic sensor that alerts you if the door is opened or if glass is shattered.

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**3. SET UP A SECURITY SYSTEM** There are no shortage of home security systems on the market. Central station monitored burglar, fire and low temperature are something every homeowner should have.

**4. GET IN FOCUS** Security cameras work as both a deterrent to would-be burglars and an important evidentiary tool for after a crime has taken place.

**5. AUTOMATION FOR THE HOME** Home automation allows for remote control of lights, locks, cameras, alarms, temperature and other features. This also offers real-time alerts on suspicious activity.

**6.ELIMINATE HIDING SPOTS** Shrubbery might look nice, but it also provides cover for criminals. Trim those bushes.

**7. GARAGE IS KEY** Doors and windows aren't the only entry points into homes. So are garages. Take steps to keep it secure.

**8. LOCK WINDOWS** Not sure if your window locks are effective? Install key-operated levers, security film, or bars.

**9. SECURE DOORS** Check the frames, hinges, and knobs of all exterior doors to ensure they are fully functioning

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| East Hampton | Ann D Balliro | Lincoln Pilcher | 791 Springs Fireplace Road | Residence | 06/08/22 | 2,525,000 |
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| | Hampton Dream Properties LLC | Felipe Urgiles | 30 Woodridge Road | Residence | 05/01/22 | 225,000 |
| | Michael Samen | Hampton Dream Properties LLC | 4 Lynn Avenue | Residence | 05/09/22 | 150,000 |
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| Quogue | Kenneth Dackson | 28 Midland LLC | 14 Pen Craig Road | Vacant | 04/06/22 | 1,950,000 |
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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## *Honoring This Week's Cover Artist:* Hans Van de Bovenkamp

JIM LENNON

HANS VAN DE BOVENKAMP WITH WESTHAMPTON BEACH MAYOR MARIA MOORE AT THE INSTALLATION OF HIS "TITAN ANEMONE" (FEATURED IN THE DAN'S PAPERS SCULPTTOUR)

"THE TWINS" BY HANS VAN DE BOVENKAMP

BY DAVID TAYLOR

This week's colorful cover comes to us from acclaimed Dutch-born sculptor Hans Van de Bovenkamp. He discusses the inspiration for "Adam" and the resulting series, his career in sculpture and his recent shift in artistic focus.

**What inspired you to paint "Adam," and is the painting part of a series?**

I'll tell you a story. My wife is from Ethiopia but African American. And people say to me, "Oh, Mr. Hans, aren't you living with a lady of color?" "I don't know," I say, "I'll check tonight when I go home." Of course, I was trying to be funny. ...

I came up with the idea of faces of many colors, as it's basically a protest piece against prejudice. ... These are kind of abstract paintings of many colors, and then I put a nose and an eye, two or three sometimes, a mouth, sometimes no mouth, on these faces. And this face is about four by two-and-a-half foot, roughly. So I came up with this series, and people are saying, "Hans, this is very fascinating that an artist is doing protest work." It's very subtle, not wanting to acknowledge prejudice, but it is part of this world. I did this here in America, and I hope people look at it and say, "Yeah, you know, we are all of different colors." I have some white, I have some black and all the colors in between. That's the idea of this series. Each one is different. "Adam" is the first one, that's why it's called "Adam," it's kind of Biblical. ... It's in a series, and I didn't know (it would become a series), I just did one more to show my wife, and she had to laugh. She said, "Hans, it's a riot. What a subtle way to tell people they cannot be prejudiced, because the world was created with many colors." I have done about 25 of them, and I'm doing some more. ...

**How would you describe your painting style and how did you develop it?**

I am influenced by the abstract expressionists like Willem de Kooning, Jackson Pollock and Karel Appel. That's the background of where it came from. This painting, if you take the eye, the nose and the mouth away, it looks like an abstract painting, because there's just color. But the moment I added the most primitive childlike lines of an eye, nose and mouth — it's not beautifully detailed like a Rembrandt, there's just a suggestion — it really reads well. I was kind of surprised myself, so I've been going kind of wild with this.

I started off putting pieces on canvas, and then I've been doing mostly acrylic paint on very heavy watercolor paper. ... With acrylic, just like with oil paint, you can add on top. If I don't like an area that was blue, then I may paint it red. As I'm painting, I may paint (six to nine layers), and I'd tweak it a little bit. Very slowly, it becomes dimensional, so it's not just a flat abstract painting, because I add a few simple, suggestive elements of people — major features in three dimensions — now all of a sudden, the whole thing makes sense. It all came together.

**Talk about your sculpture work and how it's led to your interest in painting.**

I'm a sculptor. My whole life, I've been sculpting ... maybe 45 years. I was 18 when I started. I studied architecture, but in architecture, when I came out of the University of Michigan, there was no business. So I said, "Well, let me do something." ... I had been starting to paint my sculpture, and then I said, "It's still all very heavy." It's very complex to paint sculpture, because it's a lot of preparation, and it needs a couple coats of primer and then finishing work, and really, professionals do that for me. But with this, I want to do it and have it come from my own hands. Nobody helps me with the painting. A sculpture is maybe 80% done by my assistants, but here I do this 100%. ...

To add to the process, I'm 84-plus and physically, I've been a little bit beat up by the sculpture, because it's very heavy. And sometimes for large sculpture, I have to work outside in the winter, and when I pick up a piece of metal, it's as cold as a piece of ice. I never wear gloves, so I've taken a lot of beatings making sculptures. Now it is nice that I can sit in my studio, have the heat on and paint. Physically, I can do it, although I am injured — permanently injured, but I can still paint. That feels very good, very light, very direct. The painting is emotional and spontaneous, but the sculpture is planned because it has to be made by assistants, and you use very expensive materials. ... The labor is by very skilled craftsmen, those are my assistants, and some aren't even artists, they're professional welders. It is a teamwork, but I am the idea man, and I have the connections.

**At this point, would you say you're creating more paintings than sculptures?**

Yes, well painting is a little quicker than sculpture. I can make a painting in a couple days, but sculpture takes months, many months — sometimes a year if it's a four-foot sculpture — and it's much more tactical. I am an untrained painter, which I believe is better, because it really comes in from within my psyche and my subconscious rather than the technique. ... And physically, all of a sudden, I'm able to do this, and I'm extending my career at my age.

**What is one artistic achievement that you're especially proud of?**

I did a sculpture ("Roadway Confluence") for the United States Bicentennial that was 40-feet tall, and it has gotten a huge amount of publicity and really helped my career. A lot of people do not know as much about art as they know about whether the person is well-known. Then they buy, because it's safer to buy a Picasso than some unknown person. Ultimately, people who spend a lot of money have the objective of making an investment. You don't just lay out hundreds of thousands of dollars for a little picture on the wall. They feel it has to be established, and that's what I'm trying to do right now — trying to establish this series of work and make a statement in the art world. ... I create out of passion, and I have been very blessed to make a living with it and to have gotten some very huge jobs.

*Works from Hans Van de Bovenkamp's series of colorful faces— as well as art by Anahi DeCanio, Christine Matthäi and Beth O'Donnell — are on view at the Gallery @ Hans Van de Bovenkamp Studio in Sagaponack by appointment through December 6. RSVP to Geralyne@VandeBovenkamp.com. See more of Hans Van de Bovenkamp's art at vandebovenkamp.com.*

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

# Hamptons Doc Fest Founder Jacqui Lofaro on 15 Years of Stellar Documentaries

BY DAVID TAYLOR

The Hamptons Doc Fest returns to the Hamptons for its 15th annual event December 1–6, with a staggering lineup of documentary screenings at Bay Street Theater and Sag Harbor Cinema. We spoke with the festival's founder and executive director, Jacqui Lofaro, about the 2022 celebration of documentary filmmaking and the road that brought her and the Hamptons Doc Fest to this milestone year.

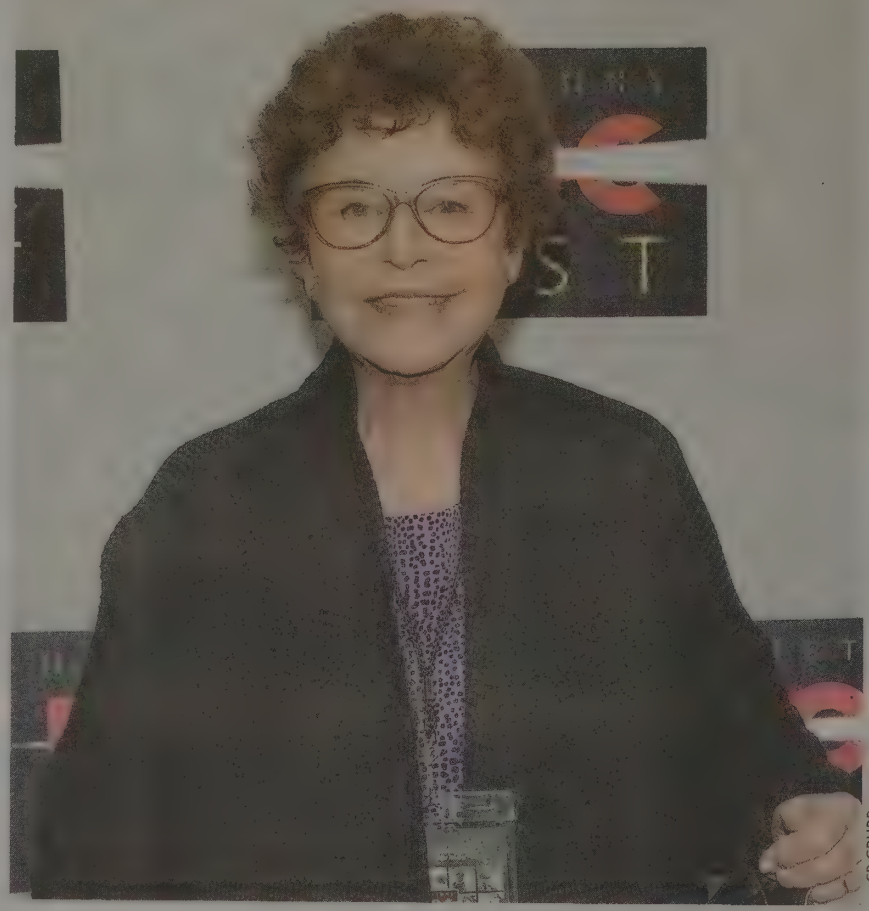
**What was the reputation of documentaries like 15 years ago, and how has Hamptons Doc Fest helped to shift perceptions of the genre?**

Most documentary filmmakers had a really difficult time getting their documentaries seen, and that was the impetus for me starting this festival, because I was a documentary filmmaker. You put enough blood, sweat and tears into the production of a documentary, and then who sees it? That was the start of an all-documentary festival here, and we are the only all-documentary festival here.

Our audience has built over the years, and there's a tremendous liking for documentary films, particularly with the demographic of our audience. What's changed from 15 years ago to now, which has also supported documentary films are the streaming platforms. There are many streaming platforms, and they're running docs. So people who would never go to the theater to see a documentary film, will click into Netflix, Hulu or Amazon ... that has helped documentary filmmakers tremendously. In fact, some of those streaming platforms have funded the production of docs, so that's always helpful.

That's where we are. We have a loyal audience; they love our festival and wait for it every year. Our challenge is to let people know we're here. I meet people — and this is 15 years — who say, "Oh, I didn't know you had a documentary film festival? How come I didn't I hear about it?" ... We want the documentary audience to be even bigger. We have 25 great films, some of which you're not going to see anywhere else. Some of these films are not going to go on to any kind of theatrical distribution, so you come to see them at our festival. ... It's kind of unique, and a jewel.

We have two venues and limited slots, so the films that get into our festival really have to make the grade.



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JACQUI LOFARO

**What do you look for when deciding what films make the cut for the Hamptons Doc Fest?**

What our screeners, artistic director and I look for is a good story, well told. You have to have an interesting take on how to tell a story, and with good production values. We do see lots of documentaries that are submitted via FilmFreeway, dozens and dozens of them, that don't make the grade because, though it's an interesting story, the production values aren't there. The editing is bad, the choice of music is overdone or not a good choice to begin with, and all of that dissipates the message that you're trying to tell — so good story and good production values. We are not a thematic festival; we don't look for films that fit a theme, so any film has an opportunity to run.

**How has the inclusion of live festival elements — such as filmmaker Q&As and the *Say Amen, Somebody* gospel performance — been developed over the years?**

They're a special treat for the audience. I dedicate the 15th anniversary to our audience, because without our audiences, what would we be? You need an audience to see a film. Their support is integral to our success. Where we have an opportunity to add something on, we will. Audiences love Q&As; we get that feedback all the time. We have Q&As for just about every film, if not live in the theaters, then by Zoom ... and where we can add this extra element, we will do for our audience.

That's what makes our festival extra special and why we've been able to survive for 15 years in a climate that's tough for film festivals. Film festivals are competing with streaming platforms and also distributors who run a film in a movie theater for two weeks, and then it's streaming.

**Why was Sam Pollard chosen as the 2022 Pennebaker Career Achievement Award recipient?**

It is the highest honor that we bestow on a documentarian. ...

Penny (D.A. Pennebaker) was a friend of the festival who always came, and we've screened their films — Chris (Hegedus) was his wife but also his partner in the business. And although he never like to use the word "verité," Penny's contribution to the world of documentary film was both technically — because they developed the sync-sound camera where you could record the audio with the film in one camera, before they would have to set up mics around the room and then sync it — and he also was a believer in capturing what was happening. It gave an authenticity and a dynamism to a film that other filmmakers copy to this day to achieve. When Penny passed away a few years ago, we asked Chris Hegedus if we could name our award after Penny, the Pennebaker Career Achievement Award. ...

Sam Pollard is just remarkable. He did the Sammy Davis Jr. documentary that we screened; it was the Filmmakers Choice Award. He did *MLK/FBI*, which has been on television; that was our Opening Night Film in 2020. He did *Black Art: In the Absence of Light*, which we screened with the Parrish Art Museum, and *Citizen Ashe*, which we screened last year and was the Audience Award, about Arthur Ashe the tennis player. His filmography is enormous, and his films center around the Black experience. ... He's a giant in the world of documentary film — a giant.

**What do consider most personally rewarding about presenting your 15th annual Hamptons Doc Fest?**

What started out as a challenge 15 years ago, for me, to create something where filmmakers could screen their documentary films, has come to fruition. And 15 years later, documentary filmmakers seek us out and want to be in our festival. What a great gift I feel the festival is to them and that they are to us and to the audience. I'm proud of that. ...

*For tickets and more information about the 2022 Hamptons Doc Fest, December 1–6, including the Pennebaker Career Achievement Award ceremony and screening of Sam Pollard's* Lowndes County and the Road to Black Power *(as well as other year-round screening events), call 631-237-8055 or visit hamptonsdocfest.com.*

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

# Hamptons Doc Fest Celebrates 15th Year with 6 Days of Films

BY OLIVER PETERSON

Hamptons Doc Fest returns to Sag Harbor this Thursday, celebrating its 15th year with a six-day, in-person festival featuring 25 engaging and impactful documentary films, screening December 1–6 at Sag Harbor Cinema and Bay Street Theater.

And this year's slate of films covers a wide range of topics, such as the arts — visual art, music, photography and fashion design — nature, environmental issues, social justice, investigative reporting, biography, history and more.

This year's event includes more awards and tributes to films and directors, such as the Pennebaker Career Achievement Award, the Environmental Award, Filmmaker Impact Award, Art & Inspiration Award, Human Rights Award, and the popular Audience Award.

And, as always, the festival presents its annual Young Voices Program for local middle and high school students, where this year, award-winning filmmaker Roger Sherman will conduct a hands-on workshop after screening a short film.

**HAMPTONS DOC FEST HIGHLIGHTS**

**HDF Environ. Award – *Fashion Reimagined***

*Fashion Reimagined* (2022, 92 min.), which will be screened at Bay Street Theater on Thursday, December 1 at 5 p.m., will receive the HDF Environmental Award. The film follows fashion designer Amy Powney, of London brand Mother of Pearl, who's the daughter of environmental activists, and sets out on an historic quest in 2018 to produce a fashion collection, from field fiber to finished garment, that is both ethical and sustainable. In the film, she travels from Uruguayan sheep pastures to an Austrian garment factory, along the way exposing the amazing waste in the global fashion industry.

Director Becky Hutner, a Canadian who lives in England, has spent the past five years in London creating fashion and culture work for DUCK Productions, will join a virtual Q&A after the screening.

**Opening Night Film – *Still Working 9 to 5***

The Hamptons Doc Fest Opening Night Film, *Still Working 9 to 5* (2022, 96 min.), directed by Camille Hardman and Gary Lane, screens at Sag Harbor Cinema on Thursday, December 1, at 7:30 p.m. As its name suggests, the film takes a fresh look at the 1980 comedy cult classic *9 to 5*, starring Jane Fonda, Dolly Parton, Dabney Coleman and Lily Tomlin, and includes its various incarnations as TV shows and Broadway musicals. It explores the evolution of gender inequality and discrimination in the workplace since 1980 and traces the history of the women's movement, revealing that little has changed over the past four decades.

Susan Lacy, a Hamptons Doc Fest Advisory Board member and creator/director of the American Masters series, 1993–2020, will do the post-film Q&A with co-directors Camille Hardman and Gary Lane, executive producer Larry Lane and Ellen Cassedy.

**National Geographic Documentary Films Tribute – *The Territory, The Flag Makers***

In a special program at Sag Harbor Cinema on Friday, December 2 at 7 p.m., National Geographic Documentary Films is being honored with a tribute in recognition of the notable, worldwide films it has produced over the years, each featuring outstanding documentary filmmakers. Chris Albert, Executive Vice President of Global Communications for the company,

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STILL FROM CLOSING NIGHT FILM "ALL THAT BREATHES"

will accept the award. The award presentation will be followed by a screening of *The Territory* (2022, 85 min.), directed by Alex Pritz, which premiered at Sundance, winning both the Audience Award and Special Jury Award for Documentary Craft. Pritz will be on hand after the film for a Q&A with Roger Sherman, founder of Florentine Films, and cinematographer Tangãi Uru-eu-wau-wau will also be in attendance.

This film provides a deep look into the tireless fight of the Indigenous Uru-eu-wau-wau people of the Brazilian Amazon over three years as they risk their lives to battle against the encroaching deforestation caused by farmers and illegal settlers who burn and clear their protected native lands.

In addition to *The Territory*, this year's tribute to National Geographic Documentary Films will also include *The Flag Makers* (35 min.) as part of the Shorts Program at Bay Street Theater on Monday, December 5 at 3 p.m.

**Special Live Music Performance — *Say Amen, Somebody***

This 40th anniversary screening of *Say Amen, Somebody* (1982, 100 min.) takes place at Bay Street Theater on Saturday, December 3 at 11:30 a.m. The event opens with a live performance of contemporary gospel music by Jeff Roberson and Nulife Singers of Long Island, followed by the film, which debuted at the Toronto International Film Festival in 1982.

Directed by George T. Nierenberg, who will participate in a post-film Q&A, the documentary is a joyful tribute to black performers who first began combining the heart and soul of Negro spirituals with the infectious rhythms of jazz and blues. It specifically follows the careers of Thomas A. Dorsey, considered the father of Gospel Music, and his associate Willie Mae Ford Smith, who trained many 20th century gospel singers even though she remained relatively unknown. Also interviewed at the Q&A will be the film's cinematographer, Don Lenzer.

**HDF Filmmaker Impact Award – *Last Flight Home***

Hamptons Doc Fest's 2022 Filmmaker Impact Award will be given at a screening on Saturday, December 3, 1:30 p.m., at Sag Harbor Cinema, to Ondi Timoner, director of *Last Flight Home* (2022, 101 min.) She will offer a Q&A after the screening.

The film tells the story of the director's father Eli Timoner, who founded Air Florida, the fastest growing airline in the world in the 1970s. Through stunning footage, she follows her father's life to the end, involving both incredible successes, devastating setbacks and the power of human connection.

**Pennebaker Career Achievement Award – *Lowndes County and the Road to Black Power***

Filmmaker Sam Pollard will receive the Pennebaker Career Achievement Award at Bay Street Theater on Saturday, December 3 starting with a reception at 7 p.m. The event begins with a buffet and cocktail reception. After the ceremony and interview with Sam Pollard by documentary filmmaker Julie Anderson, a member of the Hamptons Doc Fest Advisory Board, the festival will screen Pollard's latest film *Lowndes County and the Road to Black Power* (2022, 90 min.), co-directed by Geeta Gandbhir, about the courageous men and women in Lowndes County, Alabama, who risked their lives to win suffrage in 1960 for residents, 80% of whom were Black and unregistered to vote.

**HDF Art & Inspiration Award – *Omar Sosa's 88 Well-Tuned Drums***

The documentary *Omar Sosa's 88 Well-Tuned Drums* (2022, 99 min.) will receive Hamptons Doc Fest's Art & Inspiration Award from The Tee & Charles Addams Foundation at Bay Street Theater on Monday, December 5 at 7:30 p.m. The film's director Soren Sorensen is accepting the award and participating in a post-film Q&A.

Cuban-born pianist and composer Omar Sosa is one of the most versatile jazz artists on the scene today, fusing a wide range of jazz, world-wide music and electronic elements with his native Afro-Cuban roots to create a fresh and original rhythmic sound. In his over 25 years as a solo artist, Sosa has released over 30 albums and received four Grammy nominations and three Latin Grammy nominations.

**HDF Human Rights Award – *Four Winters***

Receiving the Hamptons Doc Fest's Human Rights Award in a screening at Bay Street Theater on Tuesday, December 6 at 5:30 p.m. will be *Four Winters* (2022, 96 min.) about the Jewish resistance in World War II.

Through first-person interviews, family photographs and rare archival footage, the last surviving partisans tell their stories of fighting back against the Nazis and their collaborators from the forests of Belarus, Ukraine and Eastern Europe — engaging in acts of sabotage, blowing up trains, burning electric stations and attacking armed enemy headquarters.

Director Julia Mintz will participate in a Q&A.

**Closing Night Film – *All That Breathes***

Winner of the Grand Jury Prize in the World Cinema Documentary Competition at Sundance 2022, and also the Golden Eye award for the best documentary at the 2022 Cannes Film Festival, *All That Breathes* (2022, 97 min.) will serve as Hamptons Doc Fest's Closing Night Film at Bay Street Theater on Tuesday, December 6 at 8 p.m.

Directed by Shaunak Sen, who will appear in a virtual Q&A, the film tells a tale of two brothers in New Delhi, India, who have a bird hospital in their tiny basement where they rescue thousands of black kites — birds of prey that often drop from the smog-choked skies. As civil unrest escalates, this Muslim family and the neglected kite form a chronicle of the city's collapsing ecology and rising social tensions.

*Visit hamptonsdocfest.com for the complete schedule and list of films, as well as prices for the above events, festival passes or individual tickets.*

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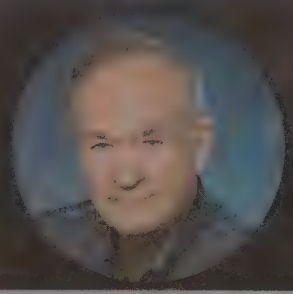

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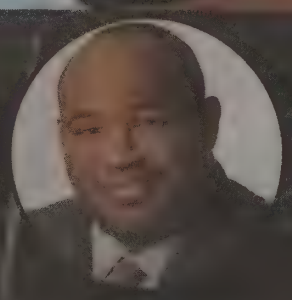

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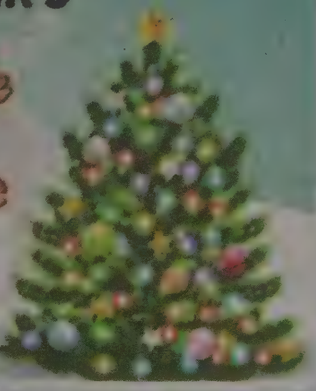

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# A week of fulfilled promises

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It was a week of promises coming true, from the opening of the The Long Island Music Hall of Fame decades in the making, to raising desperately needed dollars for wounded soldiers in Israel, to Qatar keeping its promise of allowing Israelis to visit the World Cup, to a bar mitzvah boy getting his promise fulfilled.

For years, Ernie Canadeo had promised himself to create a music hall of fame and, on Nov. 25, his dream came true.

The Long Island Music Hall of Fame opened to great fanfare in its new home in a charming Stony Brook Village building that had previously been a theater, but was forced to close due to COVID-19.

The building's owner, Gloria Rocchio, had been in "talks" with Ernie for years, but now the time was right and it finally happened! With a generous lease rate of $1 a year, it all came together and on opening night, with Ernie's smile bigger and warmer than the sun, we gathered to congratulate him.

I was so happy to see his promise to himself become a reality.

Michelle Barnet, another extraordinary person, made a promise to Israeli wounded warriors to help them.

At Chelsea Piers, 1,000 people came together to support Belev Echad, the organization that provides rehabilitation services for Israeli soldiers injured in battle.

Several soldiers spoke that night about the help they received. It tore my heart to hear their wrenching stories of their being attacked and describing the injuries they sustained, their brush with death from those injuries and the terror of their journey back from hell.

Michelle and her husband Steve kept their promise to help them and even brought two tables of potential donors to the cause.

(From l. to r.) Ernie and Catherine Canadeo, Joseph Carafano, Elisa DiStefano and Joan MacNaughton

Kevin O'Connor with Gloria Rocchio, who owns the Hall of Fame building

I left feeling the power of my friend's commitment to the incredibly brave Israeli soldiers and blessed to see that promise fulfilled.

Later in the week Rabbi Marc Schneier, the spiritual leader of The Hampton Synagogue in Westhampton Beach, told the congregation of promises fulfilled by Qatar.

For years, he has been negotiating with the leadership of Qatar to allow Israelis to attend the 2022 FIFA World Cup. Through years of building a relationship with Qatar, Rabbi Marc received multiple promises from them: to open the games to Israeli citizens, to have kosher food available and to offer direct flights from Israel.

Since there are no diplomatic relations between the countries, it was an extraordinary feat.

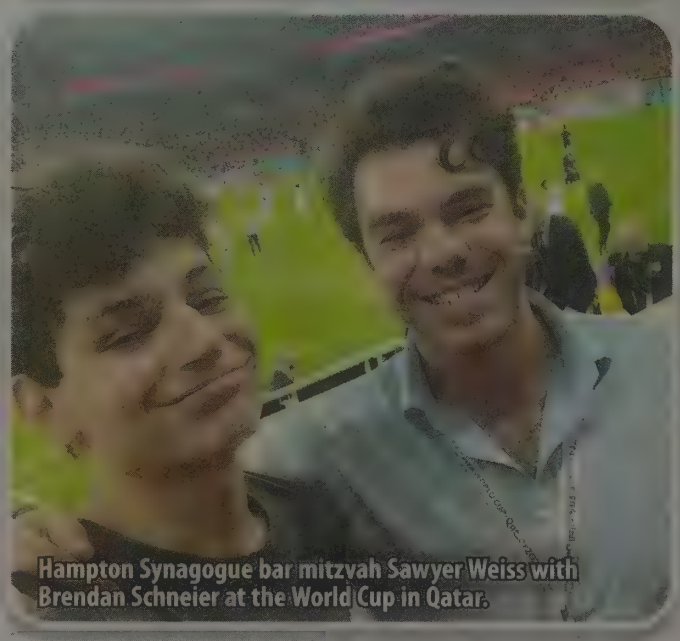
Once the government agreed to the terms, Rabbi Marc knew they had to have bagels served, labeling his efforts "bagel diplomacy." The rabbi worked with Qatar Airways' kitchens to bring kosher food to the kosher visitors.

Promises were fulfilled! Extraordinary!

But there was another promise.

Rabbi Marc had a family whose son was not willing to become a bar mitzvah and go through the training.

Rabbi Marc Schneier and Ms. Iris Ambor, head of the Israeli MFA delegation to Doha, enjoying bagels at the FIFA World Cup in Qatar.



Hampton Synagogue bar mitzvah Sawyer Weiss with Brendan Schneier at the World Cup in Qatar.

Steve and Michelle Barnet give the Israel solidarity award to Judy in honor of her son's service to the IDF.

Knowing the boy's passion for soccer, the rabbi promised him if he did his work to prepare for his bar mitzvah, he would get him tickets to the World Cup soccer tournament in Qatar.

Rabbi Marc officiated the bar mitzvah and, sure enough, sat next to him at the soccer match in Qatar!

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### DJ FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS AT CALISSA

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 AND 3, 9 P.M.

Book your table for a delightful meal and rock out to your favorite tunes at Calissa. The restaurant is known for its fine Greek specialties and cocktails.

*1020 Montauk Highway, Water Mill. 631-500-9292, calissahamptons.com*

### GENESIS GOSPEL CHOIR AT MARDERS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 11:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M.

Sing, clap and rejoice in true holiday style with the Genesis Gospel Choir. Marders also features park-like displays of trees and greenery.

*marders.com/events/2022/12/3/genesis-gospel-choir*

### ABOUT LAST NIGHT AT THE STEPHEN TALKHOUSE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 10 P.M.

Groove on over to one of the East End's most popular venues, where you'll enjoy a high-energy band that fuses party rock, pop, dance and hip-hop. Tickets are $10.

*161 Main Street, Amagansett. 631-267-3117, stephentalkhouse.com*

### FINZI: IN TERRA PAX & VAUGHAN WILLIAMS: FANTASIA ON CHRISTMAS CAROLS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 4:30-5:30 P.M.

Don't miss the Choral Society of the Hamptons as they present this holiday concert featuring works by J.S. Bach, Gerald Finzi and Vaughan Williams. Adult seating is $35; students are $10 and preferred seating is available for $75.

*2429 Montauk Highway, Bridgehampton. 631-204-9402, choralsocietyofthehamptons.org*

## OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

### 2ND ANNUAL HOLIDAY STROLL ON MAIN STREET

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 5 P.M.

Stroll Main Street and shop participating retailers and restaurants to kickstart your holiday season while supporting the Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center.

*Main Street, Westhampton Beach. 631-288-2350, whbpac.org*

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### EAST HAMPTON VILLAGE SANTA PARADE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 10 A.M.

Don't miss this festive holiday tradition featuring Santa and all his friends on Main Street in the village of East Hampton. While you're there, check out all of the wares local merchants have to offer.

*Main Street, East Hampton. 631-632-6873, easthamptonchamber.com*

HAMPTONS EVENTS

### SEASHELLS OF THE SOUTH FORK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 10 A.M.

Don't miss your opportunity to learn about the South Fork animals that create seashells or find new ones to live in. Advance registration is required.

*377 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton. 631-537-9735, sofo.org*

### TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY AT GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE HAMPTONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

Sing carols and light the tree at the Greek Orthodox Church in Southampton.

*111 St. Andrews Road, Southampton. 631-283-6169, dormitionhamptons.org*

### BARON'S COVE TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 6-9 P.M.

Enjoy this sparkling holiday event at Baron's Cove! You'll kick off the fun with eggnog, candy cane martinis and frozen hot chocolate at the Lounge, after which Santa himself will pay a visit! At 7:30 p.m., both indoor and outdoor trees will be lit for a glorious display.

*31 West Water Street, Sag Harbor. caperesorts.com/barons-cove*

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THE EAST HAMPTON VILLAGE SANTA PARADE IS ONE OF THE VILLAGE'S MOST ANTICIPATED HOLIDAY EVENTS OF THE YEAR.

OUT & ABOUT ON THE EAST END

## ENRICHING PROGRAMS

### CHALLAH BAKING AT THE JEWISH CENTER OF THE HAMPTONS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 11 A.M.

Learn the basics of challah bread making along with tips and tricks. The class will be taught by Rebbetzin Stephanie Whitehorn, the creator of Whitehorn Challah.

*44 Woods Lane, East Hampton. 631-324-9858, jcoh.org*

Seeking event photographers, email: **photoeditor@danspapers.com**

### GINGERBREAD HOUSE CHALLENGE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 10:15 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Head on over to the Rogers Memorial Library, where your team of up to five participants will create a jolly little house from graham crackers and royal icing. Houses will be judged in categories like Best Construction, Most Creative and Best Decorated. Hot cocoa and cookies will be served.

*91 Coopers Farm Road, Southampton. 631-283-0774, rogersmemorial.librarycalendar.com*

### HOLIDAY GIFT SALE

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 AND 4, 11 A.M.-4 P.M.

Don't miss handmade gifts by local ceramic artists at the Water Mill Museum Gallery. It's a great way to find a unique present and support local creative projects!

*41 Old Mill Road, Water Mill. hamptonsclayart.org*

### IN-PERSON HOLIDAY AFTERNOON TEA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1-2:30 P.M.

Head on over to the Hampton Bays Public Library, where you'll celebrate the launch of Margret Johnson's 13th cookbook, *Festive Flavors of Ireland*. You'll also enjoy a traditional tea that includes sandwiches, scones, sweets and a sparkling beverage. The program is free but advanced registration is required.

*52 Ponquogue Avenue, Hampton Bays. 631-728-6241, hamptonbays.librarycalendar.com*

### PET PHOTOS WITH SANTA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 11 A.M.-3:30 P.M.

Bring your favorite furry friend to the Westhampton Free Library for photo ops with Santa and pet photographer Keith Galluzzo. You can choose from a number of backgrounds. Reservations are required and are available in 15-minute appointments.

*7 Library Avenue, Westhampton Beach. 631-288-3335, westhamptonlibrary.librarymarket.com/event/pet-photos-santa*

GETTY IMAGES

YOUR PETS HAVE THE CHANCE TO TELL SANTA EXACTLY WHAT THEY WANT FOR CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR.

### ANNUAL SENIOR HOLIDAY DINNER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 12 P.M.

Join the Montauk Lions Club and Montauk Fire Department as they present this special event for seniors that includes a full festive dinner, cocktails, live music and Santa.

*12 Flamingo Avenue, Montauk. 631-668-4112, montaukfiredistrict.org*

### 10TH ANNUAL GIRLS' NIGHT OUT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2-5 P.M.

Support 30 local vendors at this annual shopping event, where all of the money raised will go toward supporting local charities. Light refreshments and beverages will be served.

*1367 Brick Kiln Road, Sag Harbor. 631-725-0252, sagharborfd.org*

### FRIENDS OF JOHN JERMAIN LIBRARY BOOK & AUTHOR COCKTAIL PARTY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2:30-4:30 P.M.

Join the John Jermain Library at Tutto Il Giorno Restaurant in Sag Harbor for an alcoholic beverage, appetizers and sweets. Additional food and drinks will be available for purchase. The featured speaker is John Avalon, TV Commentator and author of the new book *Lincoln and the Fight For Peace*.

*16 Main Street, Sag Harbor. 917-834-1452, johnjermain.org*

### EAST END LIBRARIES PRESENT: ELIZABETH ANNE HARTMAN AND MICHAEL HOROWITZ

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 7-8 P.M.

Join author Elizabeth Anne Hartman and photographer Michael Horowitz as they discuss their new book, *Divine New York: Inside the Historic Churches and Synagogues of Manhattan*. You will take a tour of the interiors of some of the city's most impressive houses of worship. Register ahead of time and the Zoom ID and password will be emailed to you 15 minutes before the start of the meeting.

*159 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-0222, easthamptonlibrary.org*

## ART EXHIBITIONS

### LONGHOUSE ILLUMINATED: SEE THE GARDEN IN A DIFFERENT LIGHT

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 AND 3, 4:30 AND 6:30 P.M.

Visit the gardens of the LongHouse Reserve after dark to view sparkling sculptures and lights for the holidays. There will also be carol singers, seasonal treats and hot beverages.

*133 Hands Creek Road, East Hampton. 631-329-3568, longhouse.org/pages/longhouse-illuminated*

### 12TH ANNUAL FRIENDS BAZARRE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 10 A.M.-4 P.M.

Don't miss this popular event where you can view and purchase the works of talented local artists and craftspeople. Photography, paintings, crafts, jewelry and ceramics also make wonderful gifts!

*780 Springs Fireplace Road, East Hampton. 631-604-1462, easthamptonchamber.com*

### ART FOR GIVING HAMPTONS

ON VIEW THROUGH DECEMBER 24

Don't miss your chance to give back by viewing and purchasing work at MM Fine Art, where 10% of proceeds from all the sales will go to benefit Heart of the Hamptons. Artists include Rainer Andreesen, Christophe Von Hohenberg, Jennifer Cross and many others.

*4 North Main Street, Southampton. 631-259-2274, mmfineart.com*

### MEL KENDRICK: SEEING THINGS IN THINGS

ON VIEW THROUGH FEBRUARY 19, 2023

Don't miss this exhibition of sculpture from Mel Kendrick's decades-long career at the Parrish Art Museum. He uses materials such as wood, bronze and resin that share his meditations on the relationship between nature and culture.

*279 Montauk Highway, Water Mill. 631-283-2118, parrishart.org*

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## LIVE SHOWS

### TONY DANZA: STANDARDS AND STORIES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 8 P.M.

Join Tony Danza and his four-piece band as they bring you a combination of hit songs, storytelling and even some ukulele performances. Tony Danza is one of America's most beloved entertainers and is best known for his starring roles in sitcoms like *Taxi* and *Who's the Boss*.

*118 East Main Street, Riverhead. 631-727-4343, suffolktheater.com*

## OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

### CUTCHOGUE HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR AND TREE LIGHTING

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 11 A.M.

Don't miss your chance to tour three homes, two wineries and a brewery on the North Fork. You will then top off your afternoon with the New Suffolk Historical Society Tree Lighting. Enjoy a "treat" at every stop such as a glass of local wine or appetizer. Be sure to purchase your ticket ahead of time.

*15975 County Road 48, Cutchogue. eventbrite.com/e/cutchogue-holiday-house-tour-enjoy-a-day-on-the-north-fork-of-long-island-tickets-408915476197*

### BRIDGE LANE HOLIDAY VINE LIGHTING

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 6-8 P.M.

Don't miss this toasty holiday event at Bridge Lane Wine. You'll enjoy the lighting of the vines with festive holiday lights, music, fire pits, s'mores and hot chocolate. There will also be a chance to purchase gourmet grilled cheese provided by The Treatery.

*35 Cox Neck Road, Mattituck. 631-298-1942, bridgelanewine.com*

### SHELTER ISLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TREE LIGHTING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 5-7 P.M.

Enjoy this invigorating holiday event presented by the Shelter Island Chamber of Commerce. You'll enjoy caroling, music and the ceremonial lighting of the tree. Later on, the American Legion will be providing hot chocolate, cookies and an opportunity for Santa photo ops!

*44 Shelter Island Road, Shelter Island. 631-749-0399, shelterislandchamber.org*

## ENRICHING PROGRAMS

### STAR SANTA NEEDLE PUNCH ORNAMENT CLASS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 10 A.M.-1 P.M.

Learn about needlepoint while creating a beautiful Santa ornament. Punch needles and locking hoops will be available for purchase or you can bring your own.

*6038 Sound Avenue, Northville. 631-298-5292, hallockville.org*

### EAT, DRINK & BE SPARKLING

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 12-4 P.M.

Don't miss this special event presented by Disset Chocolate at Sparkling Pointe Vineyards & Winery. You'll enjoy four North Fork-inspired chocolate bonbons along with four sparkling wine-tasting flights.

*39750 County Road 48, Southold. 631-765-0200, sparklingpointe.com*

### JINGLE SHELLS DECORATING PARTY AT THE COREY CREEK TAP ROOM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 12-4 P.M.

Stop by Bedell Cellars for this fun class where you will decorate the Corey Creek Christmas tree, try the newly released seashell-aged chardonnay and enjoy fresh local oysters by Oysterponds Shellfish Co.

*45470 Main Road, Southold. 631-734-7537, bedellcellars.com*

### HOLIDAY POP-UP: CHOCOLATE PAIRING

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1-3 P.M.

Nothing says "holidays" better than chocolate and wine. On December 3, head on over to the Tasting Room at Suhru Wines for a wine and chocolate tasting in association with Fat Ass Fudge. There will be suggested lists of wines to pair with each chocolate.

*38735 Main Road, Cutchogue. 631-603-8127, suhruwines.com*

### RIVERHEAD ELKS LODGE THIRD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 6-9 P.M.

Enjoy a delicious dinner, music and an auction raffle with prizes like Christmas trees, gift baskets and gift cards. Proceeds will go to support veterans in need.

*1239 East Main Street, Riverhead. 631-727-2027, elks.org*

## ART EXHIBITIONS

### 50 REASONS WHY: YOUR TAKE ON THE EAST END

ON VIEW THROUGH DECEMBER 17

Head on over to East End Arts for this open-juried exhibition featuring 57 of the almost 200 submitted pieces representing the East End of Long Island. The gallery is open every Thursday–Sunday.

*133 East Main Street, Riverhead. 631-727-0900, eastendarts.org*

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# OUT & ABOUT WITH THE KIDS

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## TOP 5 KIDS EVENTS TO CHECK OUT THIS WEEK

### STRENGTH & ABILITY CLUB FOR KIDS, AGES 6-10 YEARS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 10:45 A.M.

Kiddos can enjoy fun drills, activities and games that promote mental and physical health at the Community Learning Center at Most Holy Trinity. A single session is $22 and early registration is required.

*44 Meadow Way, East Hampton. 631-655-4586, projectmost.org/workshops-events*

### GINGERBREAD WORKSHOP AT GURNEY'S MONTAUK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 11 A.M.

You don't have to be staying overnight at Gurney's Montauk Resort & Seawater Spa to head on over for a festive afternoon of crafting your gingerbread house made from freshly baked cookies in a nut-free kitchen. You'll also enjoy complimentary hot cocoa, cider and coffee. Gluten-free options are available. Be sure to sign up ahead of time!

*290 Old Montauk Highway, Montauk. 631-668-2345, gurneysresorts.com/montauk*

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*162 Mill Road, Westhampton Beach. 631-288-9491, facebook.com/eckartsluncheonette*

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Take your kiddos to an exciting holiday experience in Riverhead, where they'll enjoy special light displays set to music on your radio. Tickets are $25 per carload and season passes are available.

*2549 Splish Splash Drive, Calverton. 631-210-6711, holidaylightshow.com*

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# FOOD & DRINK

## Feast of the Seven Fishes, Springs Food Pantry & More

BY HARRY POWERS

Let's dive into this week's East End foodie news bites!

**Almond** continues the "Artist & Writers" series on Tuesday, December 6 at 7 p.m. This iteration will feature LoVid — comprising Tali Hinkis and Kyle Lapidus — whose interdisciplinary work explores the often invisible or intangible aspects of present-day society, such as communication systems and biological signals. They are particularly interested in the ways technology seeps in the evolution of humanity. The family-style dinner includes three-courses, one glass of wine or draft beer and totals at $59. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the restaurant directly at 631-537-5665.

Almond has also announced their 22nd annual Christmas Eve tradition of Berkshire suckling pig roast, sourced from Roaming Acres Farm this year along with seasonal accompaniments, for $49. A portion of the revenue from Christmas Eve will be donated to the Pajama Program, which provides new, warm pajamas and books to children in need in the U.S. and throughout the world. The hours on Christmas Eve are 5–9 p.m. The regular a la carte menu will be available as well.

**Nick & Toni's** will be hosting a "Feast of the Seven Fishes Wine Dinner" on December 8, from 6–9 p.m. The progressive Italian meal features indigenous grape varieties and traditional regional cuisine. Delicious dishes include local blackfish crudo, polenta crusted smelt, spicy tomato lobster linguine and salsa verde chestnut codfish. Reservations can be made by visiting nickandtonis.com or calling the restaurant directly at 631-324-3550.

**Ram's Head Inn** is hosting several festive events this month. On December 3, the inn on Shelter Island will host a cabaret night in the bar and lounge with dinner, cocktails, wine and lite bites from the bar menu. On Saturday, December 10 at 6 p.m., you can witness a one-man performance of *A Christmas Carol* while enjoying a sublime three-course dinner. The cost is $125. A Santa brunch for the kiddos follows on Sunday, December 11 at 11:30 a.m., featuring gingerbread houses, cookie decorating, fire pits, s'mores, hot cocoa and spiced cider. The cost is $45 for adults and $20 for kids.

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DINING AT RAM'S HEAD INN

In the spirit of the season of giving, we would like to highlight the great contributions **Springs Food Pantry** has made to our community. East Hampton Town has had the highest poverty rate in Suffolk County, and many of our elderly neighbors must choose between paying for food and buying medicine. Springs Food Pantry has helped countless families every week for over 30 years. In 2021, the Springs Food Pantry had 40,823 recipient visits. They have provided supplemental food assistance as a short-term, stopgap measure for families in the hamlet of Springs in East Hampton. They operate out of the Springs Community Presbyterian Church every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to sort, pack and distribute food. If you're able, please get involved by donating money and/or volunteering time. And thank you to our extraordinary community members that already offer a hand!

**Did You Know?**

Alex Rossi, the owner of the rejigged **Springs Tavern & Grill**, remembers wandering into the tavern years ago to have a beer and enjoy a soccer match. He also recalls taking in the rich history on the walls from its days as The Jungle Inn and Jungle Pete's. Rossi is continuing that tradition at the new tavern and, in fact, it has one of the liveliest World Cup crowds in the Hamptons! Make sure you catch a game there before the tournament ends in two weeks. It is also serving a special menu for the World Cup, featuring avocado toast, wings, spiced chicken breast sandwich, baja fish tacos and short rib chili nachos.

The team at **Sant Ambroeus** in East Hampton are long-standing members of the Milanese-style coffee bar and restaurant. Jorge Flores, the general manager, began his career as a busser in Southampton 10 years ago, and the kitchen will be helmed by Miguel Gutierrez, who got his start as a dishwasher at Sant Ambroeus West Village. It's a family affair! There are several new dishes on the East Hampton menu, along with wine offerings from the Italian regions of Tuscany, Sicily and Piedmont and a sprinkling of French and American options.

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ALMOND'S SUCKLING PIG

**Bits & Bites:**

Give the gifts of cookies this holiday season. **Tate's Bake Shop** is offering seasonal gift baskets that may be shipped nationally. Baskets include the Best Wishes of the Season Tin ($60), containing Tate's signature crispy chocolate chip cookies, white macadamia nut cookies, chocolate tea loaf and pecan square and vegan cookies, available in two flavors. Visit tatesbakeshop.com to view all of the offerings.

When you think of **Wölffer Estate**, you may think of enjoying a glass of rosé while watching the sun set over the vineyard. However, this winter they're debuting "Winter Wonderland at the Wine Stand," where you and your family can enjoy ice-skating, a larger-than-life holiday display, limited edition Wölffer merchandise and Santa himself on select days! There will also be fire pits and tasty beverages such as mulled wine and cider, hot chocolate, holiday treats and a local food truck to keep you warm. Winter Wonderland will be open on select days and tickets, which cost $30, may be purchased online.

**Food Quote:**

"Food is symbolic of love when words are inadequate." –Alan D. Wolfelt, author

*Send tips to danspapersfoodseen@gmail.com.*

# *Recipe:* Coche Comedor's Seafood Cocktail in Spicy Red Sauce

Chef Juan Juarez learned how to cook from his mother in the small Mexican town of Puebla. Now, he creates delicious dishes at Coche Comedor in Amagansett as their chef de cuisine. Learn how to make his seafood cocktail in spicy red sauce by following the instructions below!

**Ingredients:**
½ lb calamari
½ cup fresh lime juice
½ lb bay shrimp
½ cup minced white onion
2 tsp minced garlic
2 tsp sea salt
½ tsp black pepper
¼ cup chopped cilantro
1 cup ketchup
2 tbs chopped jalapeño peppers
½ cup jícama
1 avocado, sliced

**Instructions:**
1. Blanch the calamari in boiling water for approx. 2 minutes, then cool in ice bath.
2. Mix shrimp, calamari, onion, garlic, salt, pepper, lime juice for 30 minutes.
3. Add chopped cilantro, ketchup, jalapeño and jícama. Mix well.
4. Spoon into a glass top with sliced avocado.

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DAN'S TASTE FOOD & DRINK

# Greenport's Anker Serves Up Its Kasutori Martini in Style

BY CJ ARLOTTA

When it comes to a martini, imbibers can be somewhat picky. Many prefer vodka instead of gin. Others prefer their martinis extra dirty (with added olive brine). And some won't drink a martini unless the olives are stuffed with blue cheese. Whatever your preference is, give Anker's kasutori martini a chance.

"A martini is the best first drink of the night and is one of the best pairings for the raw bar, and Anker's raw bar is as good as it gets," says Rob Krueger, a beverage consultant for Anker, a local seasonal American seafood restaurant and market located in Greenport. "We wanted to have a martini that would satisfy classic martini drinkers but bring some more unusual aromatics, as well as oceany notes, so that you are ready to dive in to your experience."

"A MARTINI IS THE BEST FIRST DRINK OF THE NIGHT."

The kasutori martini's ingredients include Haku Vodka, a Japanese vodka made by Suntory; A Land of Muses gin, made locally at Matchbox Distilling; Dolin Blanc Vermouth, a lightly bittersweet aromatized wine from Chambery, France; and Barbadillo Fino Sherry, which can be described as nutty, briny and very dry.

"[The cocktail is] a perfect pairing for Anker's raw bar offerings," he says. "It's at the intersection of a Vesper-style martini and a Gibson. It's crisp, cool and sophisticated."

To make the cocktail, combine the ingredients in a mixing glass with an ice cube, and stir until cold. Then, strain the liquid into a Nick & Nora glass. Garnish with a nori-pickled onion and a lemon twist.

"It's culinarily driven and classic at the same time," Krueger says. "There's nothing more iconic than a martini, yet the kasutori martini uses innovative ingredients to match a flavor profile that's ideal for the start of a meal, especially with the food offerings at Anker. It's a great first step into the culinary and cocktail menus."

*Anker is located at 47 Front Street, Greenport. It can be reached at ankerny.com or 631-477-1300.*

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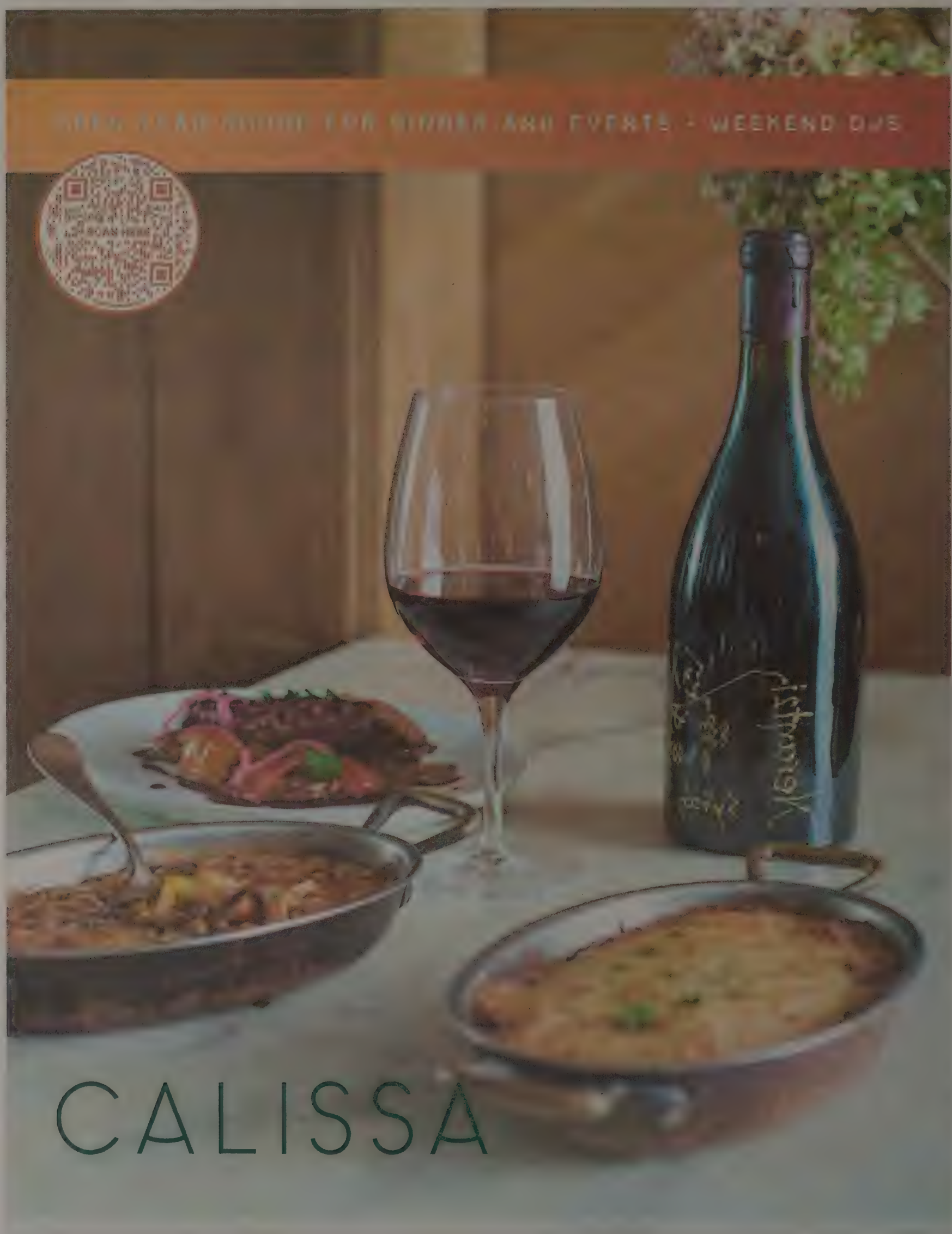
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Photo by Ewa Skapski

# DAN'S NORTH FORK

## *Honoring Dan's North Fork Cover Artist:* Ewa Skapski

BY DAVID TAYLOR

This cover of *Dan's Papers North Fork* is a charming family photo taken by Ewa Skapski at Santa's Christmas Tree Farm in Cutchogue. Skapski — a Long Island photographer based in Riverhead and specializing in maternity, baby and family photography — discusses the festive cover, her process and inspirations.

**What's the story behind this week's festive cover photo?**

The Christmas season is full of iconic images with Santa, Christmas trees, lights — these are just a few to name. When Stacey Soloviev brought the red truck to her Santa's Christmas Tree Farm a few years ago, we began collaboration in taking photos, which is now our yearly tradition.

This year is no different. Together with our wonderful Santa we created this image (Forgot to mention: The girls in the photo are Stacey's daughters). It is no doubt an iconic Christmas image, it creates a nostalgic feeling and also excitement for the coming holiday season.

The families visiting the farm can take free photos with both Santa and the truck. For some, it is also already a yearly tradition, and I couldn't be happier to know I took a small part in helping to create the memories for them.

**What does your typical process of planning, taking and editing a photo look like?**

Typical process involves planning the time — my favorite is late afternoon or right before sunset. The choice of lenses is important also, and finally shooting in the manual mode. This gives me the total control over the final outcome. Editing take place in Photoshop where I can apply the artistic touches to the final image.

**What's something you've learned during your career as a local family photographer?**

I have learned to read the radar when planning my sessions (haha literally) — very useful in this profession, especially with the unpredictable Long Island weather.

**What photo subjects inspire you most as a photographer?**

Many things inspire me. It could be the warm light falling on the subject, sunset light or simply the look in someone's eyes. I love photographing people, not poses. There is no simple answer to this question.

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SANTA'S CHRISTMAS TREE FARM PHOTO BY EWA SKAPSKI

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**What accomplishment as a photographer are you most proud of?**

It's very simple — my returning clients. There is no bigger complement to a photographer to know someone loved the photos I captured for them and decided to come back to work with me again.

**What do you find most fulfilling or exciting about being a photographer?**

To me, it's the ability to freeze the moment and also to share my perspective and vision. Discovering new places and meeting new people. Also, the photography community on Long Island is fantastic, and I've gotten to meet some awesome, very talented photographers.

**Would you like to share any closing thoughts or additional information?**

I would like to share this quote: "A portrait is not made in the camera, but on either side of it," by Edward Steichen and I absolutely believe it. Thank you.

*To see more of Ewa Skapski's photography, inquire about photo sessions and learn about current specials, visit ewaskapskiphotography.com.*

DAN'S NORTH FORK

# Santa's Christmas Tree Farm Is Back in Cutchogue

EWA SKAPSKY

CHILDREN MEET SANTA CLAUS AT SANTA'S CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

BY OLIVER PETERSON

Santa's Christmas Tree Farm is back for another season of holiday magic and family fun in Cutchogue on the North Fork, and the exciting, festive offerings continue to expand in 2022!

Among less than a dozen Christmas tree farms on Long Island where visitors can cut down their own tree, Santa's is doing its part to keep a longstanding tradition alive and well while adding to the experience each holiday season. Of course they also offer pre-cut trees, which come from a supplier upstate.

But Santa's is so much more than a place to buy a tree. It's an experience woven into the fabric of so many local family traditions, an unforgettable holiday-themed adventure with all kinds of things to do for kids and their parents. Its 28 acres holds generations of happy memories for adults and kids alike.

"I just wanted to provide a real Hallmark experience for people to come and be outside with their families," Santa's Christmas Tree Farm co-owner Stacey Soloviev told *Dan's Papers* after her former husband, East Hampton's Stefan Soloviev bought Santa's at auction for $1.8 million from the family who operated the farm for more than three decades.

Now in its third season under their ownership, Santa's remains the North Fork's go-to spot for kids to meet Santa Claus and pose for pictures. St. Nick officially kicked off the season aboard his old-fashioned fire truck on November 25 (he also snuck in for an unofficial "Locals Day" on November 23) and he will continue making appearances at the farm until it's time for him to take to the skies and deliver presents to children all over the world.

Like in past years, Santa will pose every weekend in front of his vintage red truck, which is decorated for Christmas, and there's always a chance that guests will meet the Grinch at the farm, though he has no set schedule. Santa's dogs, Bear, Willow and Luna, can be found on the property, too.

Importantly for parents of neurodiverse children, kids with autism or those with special sensory needs, Santa's Tree Farm is again carving out special "Sensitive Santa" time where lights are dimmed, music is turned off, and a calm, serene atmosphere is in place. Check the Santa's Facebook page or call for upcoming dates and times.

The Christmas shop is open seven days a week and it has lots of Christmas treasures, including personalized ornaments, decorations, wreaths, tree skirts, stocking stuffers, candy, holiday socks, hats and mittens and much more. Visitors can also marvel at the various themed trees inside, such as this year's patriotic tree decorated to celebrate America, and the Christmas village with dozens of miniature buildings.

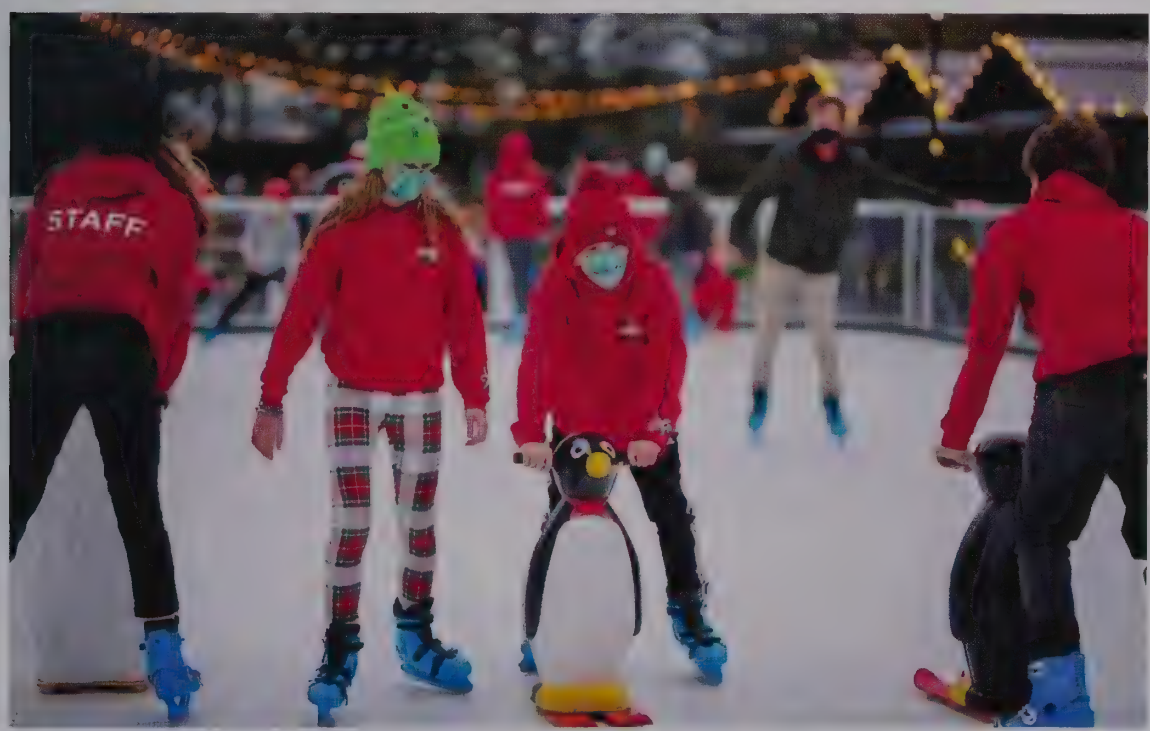
Outside on the farm grounds, guests can play in bouncy houses, warm up by fire pits and roast s'mores, or take a wagon or pony ride. A synthetic (no-ice) ice skating rink is also on site with skate rentals included in the price (private rentals available for small groups or parties).

A snack hut offers hot chocolate and hot apple cider, and Peconic Bay Vineyards wine for the grown-ups. Eats include chili and chowder from The Chequit hotel, as well as popcorn, Dreesen's doughnuts and s'mores.

Cookie decorating and story time sessions with Santa are available on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. The cookies are made locally by NoFo Flour Shoppe and wearing Christmas pajamas is encouraged but not required!

Admission to Santa's Christmas Tree Farm is always free, and there are things that can be enjoyed without spending a nickel — like photos with Santa, hayrides and the selfie section — though most activities cost extra.

*Santa's Christmas Tree Farm LI is located at 30105 Main Road in Cutchogue. Call 631-735-9242 or visit santaschristmastreefarmli.com.*




SANTA'S CHRISTMAS TREE FARM HAS A NEW ICE SKATING RINK THIS SEASON.

DAN'S NORTH FORK

# A Festive North Fork Holiday

BY MARY McGLONE

COURTESY RIVERHEAD BID

A SCENE FROM RIVERHEAD'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY BONFIRE ON THE PECONIC RIVER.

The lights are up, the parties are planned, and family will be home soon. Whether you are celebrating Christmas, Chanukah or the winter solstice, this is a season of light, warmth and family.

Winter is a quieter season on the North Fork, but there is plenty to see and do to get in the spirit. This is when the North Fork hamlets put on their winter charm.

"I love all the lights, especially in Cutchogue," says Kathy Hinsch of Southold. In a long-held tradition, all the buildings are silhouetted with simple white lights. "It reminds me of the simplicity of the season," says Hinsch. Drive slowly through town or meander on foot to appreciate a step back in time.

Another thing Hinsch loves to do is holiday house tours. "It's great for getting ideas," she says.

This year, the Cutchogue Holiday House Tour (December 3) has stops at three inns, two wineries and a brewery, all decorated for the season. Each home features wine from a local vineyard or appetizers from a local restaurant. The self-guided tour ends at the Cutchogue tree lighting. In the spirit of the season, a portion of ticket sales go to two local nonprofits.

Tree lightings are a cherished tradition for many North Fork residents. Cutchogue-New Suffolk Historical Council's tree lighting has a historical focus on Christmas through the ages. The houses on the village green will be decorated historically: the Old House for a colonial Christmas, the Wickham house for a Victorian Christmas, and the school house for an early 1900s Christmas. Adding to the festivities, the Mattituck-Cutchogue High School select chorus will sing holiday songs, and Santa Claus arrives after the tree lighting.

If you're craving a parade, head to Greenport's Parade of Lights, where festive holiday-themed floats wind through the village to Mitchell Park for the tree lighting (December 3, 5–7 p.m). Afterwards, enjoy hot chocolate and ice skating at the rink in Mitchell Park.

According to the Riverhead Business Improvement District, "Frosty temps are no match for Downtown Riverhead's Annual Holiday Parade and Bonfire." The parade loops south to the Peconic riverfront for the community bonfire. Enjoy free hot chocolate as the kids visit Santa in the Gingerbread House on December 10.

If you haven't finished your holiday shopping, take advantage of the unique local shopping experiences, from Orient to Riverhead. The eagerly awaited Orient Historical Society Beach Plum holiday shop, located in the Old Point Schoolhouse (1555 Village Lane), has local gifts, ornaments, traditional crafts and games through December 17 (631-323-2480).

Or step back in time at Hallockville's Naugles Barn, transformed into the Country Parlor folk art and gift show, with handcrafted gifts by local artisans (candles, soap and quilted, woven and knit items), November 25–27.

The East End Merry Market in Riverhead showcases local artists selling handmade goods. The event is held at The Suffolk with live music, hot cocoa, raffles and a visit from Santa on December 4.

If music is what gets you in the holiday spirit, don't pass up the opportunity to go caroling. Head to Love Lane in Mattituck on December 17 for community caroling at 1:30 p.m. "This is a fun, casual event for all!" promises the North Fork Community Theatre (NFCT) website.

There's nothing like a live, local holiday show to savor this special time of year. The NFCT is performing *One Christmas Eve at Evergreen Mall* December 2–4 only, so don't delay on getting your tickets. The play follows a cast of characters in eight intertwined stories on the last day of holiday shopping in a mall. According to the NFCT, "The play wraps the joys and sorrows of the season into one festive package."

According to the Farmers' Almanac, the next full moon is on Wednesday, December 7, at 11:08 p.m., and is known as the Cold Moon. Bundle up and head for a walk on your favorite beach or trail (you may not need a flashlight!) and enjoy the moon magic.

The Custer Institute in Southold, established in 1927, is Long Island's oldest public observatory. Their website has a link to check the phase of the Moon (custerobservatory.org) and a reminder that "less moon equals darker skies," which is what you need to see many deep sky objects. "But whether the Moon is just a sliver or full, it's always great to see through our telescopes!" The institute is open to the public every Saturday night, 7 p.m. to midnight, for stargazing. Volunteer staff will guide your observations of the night sky. Dress for the weather!

The winter solstice on December 21 marks the shortest day of the year — the perfect time to celebrate a gradual return to longer days. For a uniquely North Fork solstice celebration, Jamesport Vineyards is hosting a wine and oyster tasting with live music, holiday recipes, and barrel tasting from 6–8 p.m. Enjoy oysters from Harvest Moon Shellfish Company.

For a decadent holiday dessert, the Baker's Workshop (Main Street, Riverhead) offers pies, tortes, cupcakes and other seasonal desserts. The bakery gives Suffolk County Community College culinary students hands-on experience. It's open through December 16.

And if you have been blessed in a year that has been unkind to so many, remember the proverb: "If you have more than you need, do not build a higher wall. Build a bigger table." Food pantries and soup kitchens in the area are always in need of your donations, andthe Center for Advocacy, Support and Transformation (CAST) is collecting new toys and wrapping paper to benefit those in need (drop off at bins or at the CAST office). Enjoy this special season!

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# East End Food Institute Planning a Food Hub for Riverhead

BY BERNADETTE STARZEE

COURTESY EAST END FOOD INSTITUTE

A RENDERING OF THE PLANNED EAST END FOOD INSTITUTE EXPANSION IN RIVERHEAD

The East End Food Institute (EEFI) wants to build a multi-faceted food hub in Riverhead.

The nonprofit organization's plans call for the renovation of an existing building at 139 Main Road in Riverhead and construction of two additional buildings on the four-acre property. The goals of the East End Food Hub include centralizing processing and distribution of local produce and products and helping farmers and food producers market their products to more consumers, schools, institutions and food pantries.

The organization was originally founded in 2010 as the Amagansett Food Institute by a group of food lovers who wanted to promote, support and advocate for local farmers and food producers. Currently headquartered on Stony Brook University's Southampton campus, EEFI is led by Executive Director Kate Fullam, who came aboard in 2018 and steers a team of five to seven full-time-equivalent employees (the number fluctuates seasonally) to help farmers make products out of surplus produce.

"We help farmers turn tomatoes into tomato sauce, for instance, and help them have more of a year-round business while improving access to local food for more people," Fullam says. The institute's facilities include a commercial kitchen, where licensed businesses can produce their own products or have it produced for them by EEFI staff, who have developed recipes that can be applied to local fruits, vegetables and herbs. The institute also offers a wide range of services to help food companies market their products, including a virtual farmers market and farm-to-school and farm-to-community partnerships.

Last year, EEFI expanded to Riverhead, signing a three-year lease at 139 Main Road to house the East End Food Market, a year-round indoor farmers market. The 5,000-square-foot building, which was previously the home of Homeside Florist & Greenhouses for 64 years, currently has an open floor plan with space for 45 vendors, who bring in their own tables, signs and wares for the market, which runs on Fridays from May through October and Saturdays from November through April.

The institute plans to file plans for Phase I of its project before the end of this year and hopes to renovate the existing Riverhead building and relocate its headquarters to the space in 2023. About 2,000 square feet of the building would be dedicated to a community kitchen. The remaining 3,000 square feet would accommodate the farmers market, with renovations to include the addition of 16 semi-permanent stalls, which vendors could rent year-round to use for selling, storage and light food preparation, while having access to the commercial kitchen on premises.

Phase 2 calls for the construction of a second, 7,500-square-foot building, which would allow for expansion of the farmers market, enhanced food processing facilities and an educational and gathering space, where events like cooking classes and food conferences could take place.

Additional plans call for another 5,000-square-foot building for farm-to-freezer operations, including cold storage and warehouse space for aggregation and distribution of product, and accommodations for food system workers, such as interns and trainees, and food event attendees.

"We have a good partnership with the landlord, Paul Pawlowski, who has done terrific work in Riverhead," Fullam says.

Pawlowski, a Mattituck-based developer, purchased the 139 Main Road property with business partner Kenneth Ballato in 2020. Other projects for Pawlowski include the recent development of a three-story medical office building on the former site of Howard Johnson's and the Riverboat Diner, which had been vacant for 15 years.

EEFI has more than 150 members, including farmers and food businesses. Some of the more active North Fork members include Treiber Farms in Peconic, which markets pickles, sauces and preserves, and Latham Farms in Orient, whose products include pickles and strawberry preserves. Other members include Aki's Kitchen, which makes soups and other products in EEFI's kitchen. The institute also partners with Sag Harbor Honey to make its Hot Honey product, as well as Springs Fireplace, which makes hot sauces from peppers that it grows, and Sweet Woodland Farm, which grows herbs and flowers and produces herbal teas. Balsam Farms and Amber Waves are among the larger South Fork farms that work with EEFI to produce custom products.

"A lot of the local products you see on the market come from our kitchen," Fullam says.

*Learn more at eastendfood.org.*

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The votes are pouring in, frontrunners are pulling ahead and the 2022 Dan's Best of the Best contest, presented by Dime Bank, is heating up!

The East End is full to bursting with talented artists, delicious cuisine and beloved businesses — and we should appreciate them all — but only one can be considered the "best" at what they do. If you want to take your friend to enjoy the best burger in the area, where are you taking them? Hair stylist or salon — why risk your hair with anyone other than the very best?

This is your chance to share your expertise with other locals and visitors who may be in need of a handyman or some late-night grub and not know where to look. Gluten-free food, art gallery, accountant, dog grooming — you know who's best, so vote to let the world know, too!

The businesses and individuals that the public nominates for the Best of the Best contest via DansBOTB.com are some of the most respected and loved in the area, which is part of why the competition is so intense year after year. The other reason is that winning comes with the opportunity to acquire the Official Winners Plaques and Storefront Banners that get displayed in stores across the Hamptons and North Fork, assuring visitors that they've come to one of the finest establishments around.

Each year, *Dan's Papers* readers cast votes in several categories split between the Hamptons and the North Fork including Arts & Entertainment, Food & Drink, Home & Auto, Restaurants & Nightlife, Wellness & Beauty, Pet & Animal Services, Professional Services, Shopping, Wine & Wineries and Recreation, Travel & Tourism. You can cast multiple votes, but not on the same day, so a handful of passionate, devoted voters can really sway a vote in a business's favor.

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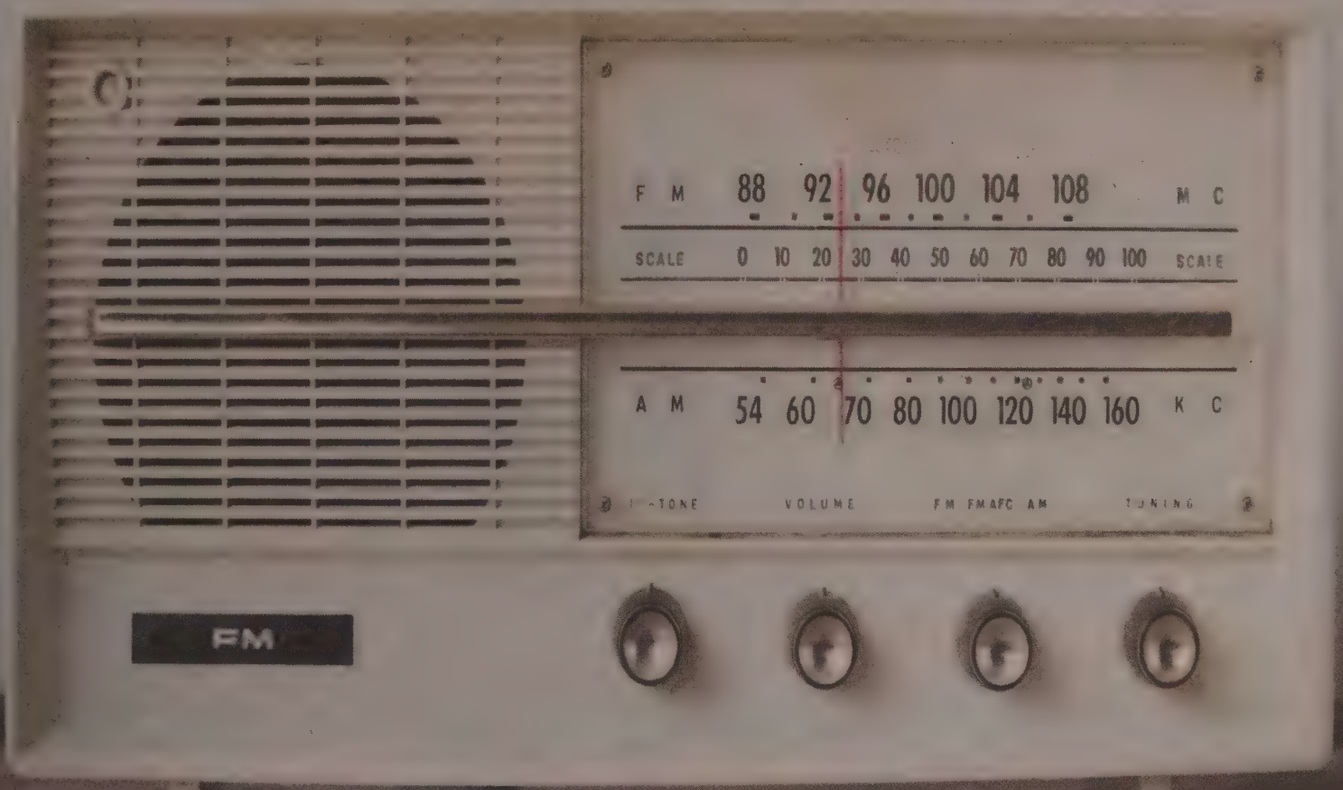


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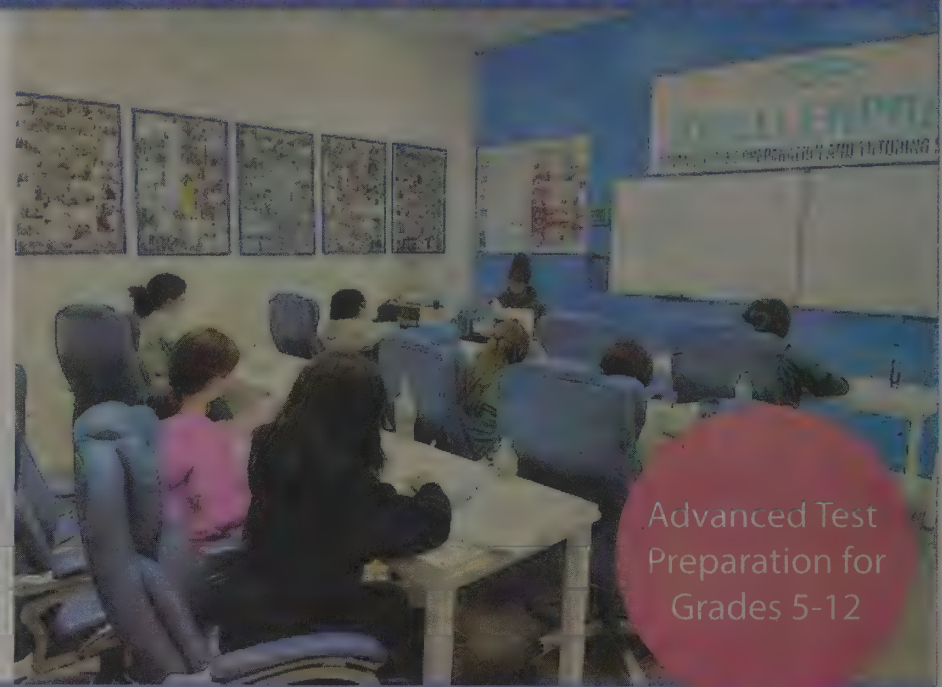
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### 2021 "BEST OF" AWARDS

**Best Breakfast Spot** on the South Fork

### HOW TO VOTE

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### 2021 "BEST OF" AWARDS

**Best Radio Station** on the South Fork
**Best Radio Station** on the North Fork

### HOW TO VOTE

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### 2020 "BEST OF" AWARDS

**Best Pharmacy** on the South Fork

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**Life partners need to be on the same page about money**
We all know couples who fight about money. In fact, you may personally be in a relationship where finances are a source of tension. It's no mystery why these kinds of conflicts are so common – money fuels our ability to take care of ourselves and our dependents. Managing it requires discipline and a plan, but often couples don't see eye-to-eye on what that means. When long-term committed partners share their finances but not the same values and habits around money, it's ripe for friction. Fortunately, as with most things, clear and open communication can help. Here are four question to facilitate an honest and productive conversation with your spouse or partner about money.

**#1 – How are expenses managed?**
If you are soon to be married or living together, you need to determine how your money will be combined (joint checking and savings accounts or separate accounts) and who will be responsible for each household expense. If you've been together for some time, your primary focus is to make sure that you're living within your means and that there is transparency about all money matters. To the extent you take on debt or make large purchases, it needs to be an amount both parties are comfortable with.

**#2 – What are today's financial priorities?**
These can change from time to time, but it's important for couples to frequently discuss what is important to them. For example, young couples may want to determine if they should set money aside for a down payment on a house. Some may want to prioritize spending on vacations. Later in life, couples need to think about how they plan to spend their time (and money) in retirement. These are issues that should be discussed frequently to make certain there are no surprises.

**#3 – What are your long-term goals?**
These tend to vary based on your age and are likely to change, to some extent, over the course of your lives. As a young couple, putting money aside for higher education (your own or your children's) may be one of your priorities. Even though retirement may be a long way off, the sooner you begin saving for that goal, the better. Those who are older may be primarily focused on retirement and the disposition of their estate. Sitting down with a financial advisor can be beneficial regardless of your age. An advisor will gather input from both parties and craft a plan to help guide your long-term financial decision-making.

**#4 – Is proper paperwork in place?**
For couples who plan to get married, there might be reasons to consider a pre-nuptial agreement. It spells out how assets are to be divided in case of divorce. Most importantly, it limits costs related to litigation should divorce occur, as the parties agreed in advance on how assets will be split. For older couples, making sure estate documents are in place is important. The issues are trickier in cases of blended families, as the distribution of assets can be more sensitive. In both cases, seeking proper legal guidance is important.

**Bottom Line**
When it comes to money, communication is key, especially since it can be a very emotional topic. That's why talking about it *regularly is important. For couples, limiting financial surprises* – whether that be long-standing debt or large purchases – can go a long way to building a healthy, team-oriented approach to budgeting and managing money.

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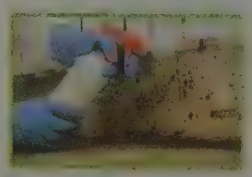

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### 2021 "BEST OF" AWARDS

**Best Builder** on the South Fork
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**Best Remodeling** on the South Fork
**Best Remodeling** on the North Fork

### HOW TO VOTE

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**Best Environmental Services** on the South Fork
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### 2021 "BEST OF" AWARDS

**Best Cocktails** on the South Fork
**Best Takeout Restaurant** on the South Fork

### HOW TO VOTE

JC's Restaurant is up for several South Fork categories in the 2022 Dan's Best of the Best contest, including **Best Burgers** and **Best Cocktails** (Food & Drink section), and **Best Takeout Restaurant** and **Best Caterer** (Restaurants & Nightlife section). If you're a regular or just had one fabulous spontaneous visit, give JC's a vote on DansBOTB.com/south-fork-voting.

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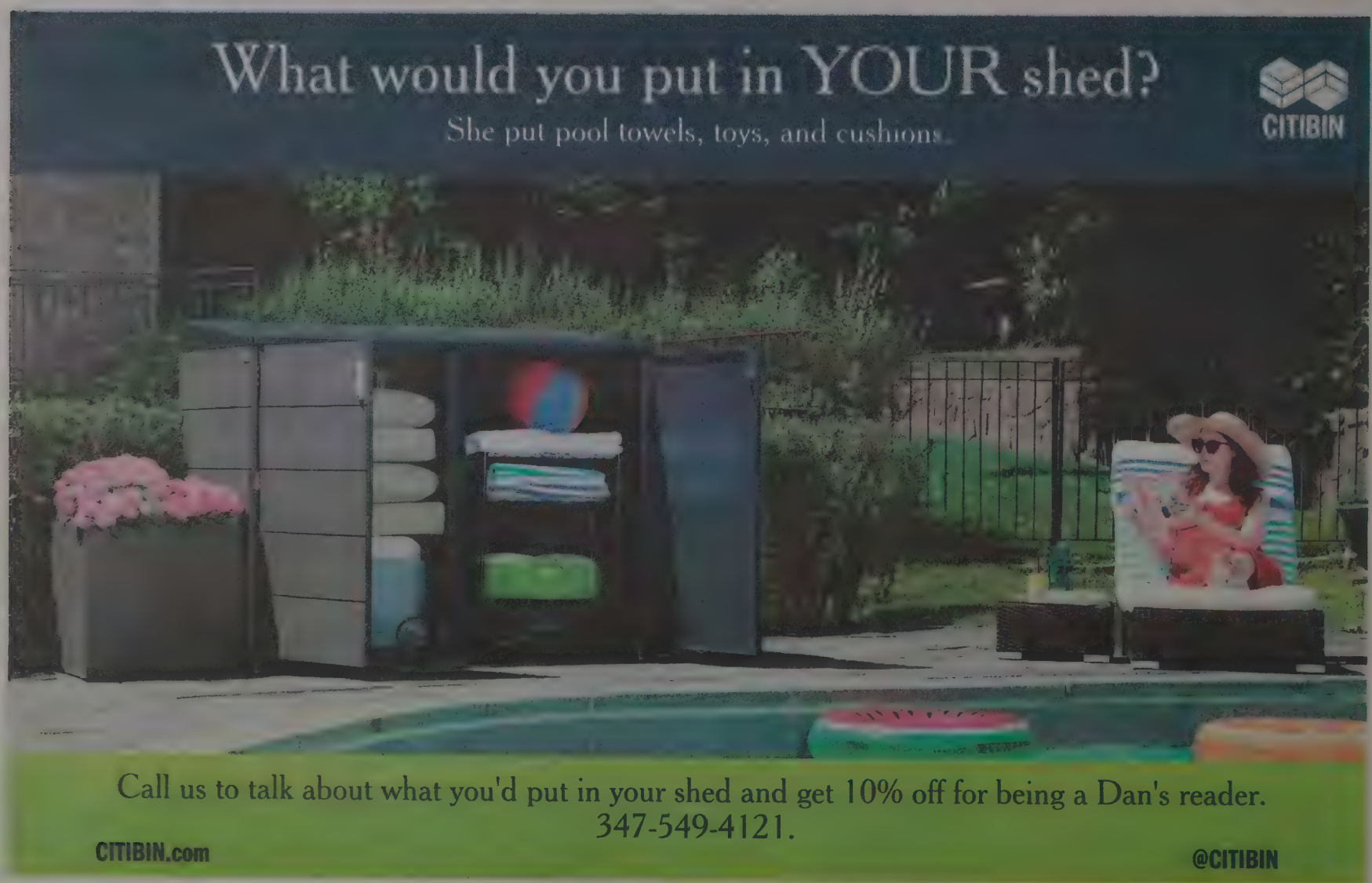
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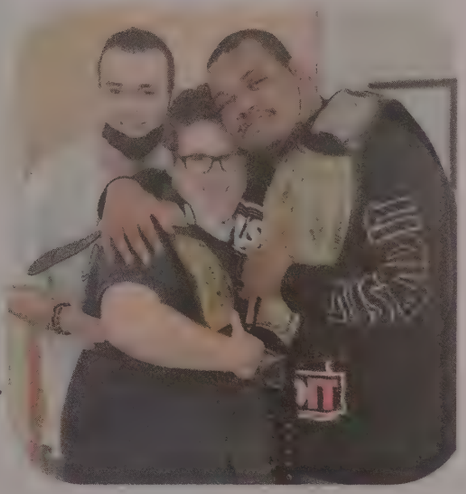

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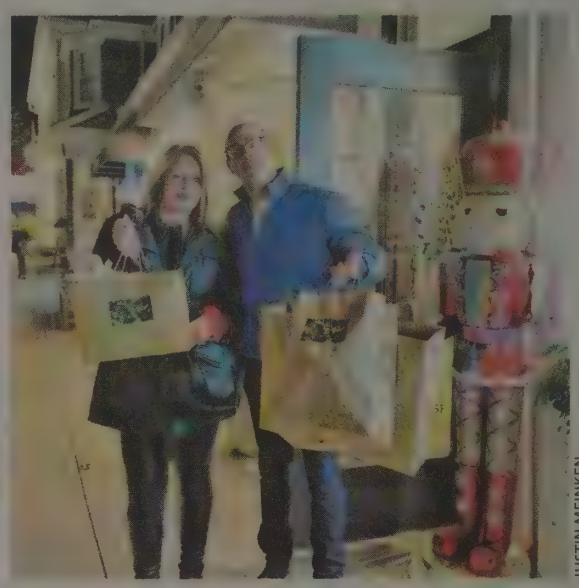

JUSTIN MEINKEN

DANIELLE AND ROB BACON ON THE WHBPAC HOLIDAY STROLL IN 2021

BY OLIVER PETERSON

The Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center (WHBPAC) is bringing back their Holiday Stroll on Friday, December 2. The event marks its second year after last season's successful debut, and it returns with even more to celebrate!

Open from 5–8 p.m. on Friday, the stroll encourages visitors and Westhampton Beach residents alike to walk Main Street and shop local at the many stores in town while also enjoying some delectable bites from area restaurants.

"Last year coming out of COVID, the theater was really involved in trying to create an event that would be an economic driver for the town," explains WHBPAC Marketing Director Heather Draskin. "A lot of the businesses had been closed for quite some time, the theater included, during COVID, so the idea was that we would create this event that would garner goodwill throughout the town, would get people who might not normally be in the town. On that night, get them out, get people shopping at the local stores."

And boy did it attract shoppers. Draskin says some 250 people flooded the Westhampton Beach sidewalks and visited dozens of shops, all while raising money for the WHBPAC Arts Academy — and this year she hopes even more will attend. Now that the community has moved past lockdowns and pandemic restrictions, they realized the event was still something good for making people happy and supporting local commerce during the holiday season, while also giving 10% of proceeds to WHBPAC's Nancy and Frederick DeMatteis Arts Academy.

Participants include: TOLA, Messina Jewelry, Saunders & Associates, Six Corners Fine Wines & Spirits, Island Surf, Justin's Chop Shop, Shoe-Inn, Hampton + Dunes, GOOD, Saltwater Long Island, Ivy on Main, Sydney's Taylor Made Cuisine, Lynn's Cards & Gifts, Brunetti Pizza, Code Blue, Mixology, Garden of Silver, Mill Road Cheese Shop, Bambinos Pizzeria, Flora, Red Jacket Books, Pawcasso, Whipped, Sugar Daddy's Toys, Fiore di Luna Salon, Tweed & Tweed Toys, Chic, Katherine & Company, Daniel Gale Sotheby's, Moon Breeze Mercantile, Compass, and Impulse for Men.

Like last year, shoppers will pick up punch-cards and maps from WHBPAC before embarking on their holiday stroll. Upon returning their punch-card to the theater, participants will be entered in raffles to win exciting holiday prizes.

Additionally, stores are pairing with local restaurants to offer tasty eats to visiting shoppers. "Let's say you're shopping at Garden of Silver — maybe Sydney's Taylor Made Cuisine will be doing the food there, so while you're shopping, maybe you have a little nibble, go over to Island Surf and they might have Bambinos," Draskin says, setting the scene for this year's marriage of restaurants and retail.

"It's going to be fun, we're going to pair up the restaurants so they get exposure as well to the shopper," she continues, adding, "We want to make it a kickoff to the holiday season."

Student carolers from the theater's Arts Academy will keep things festive, spreading cheer up and down Main Street, and a number of local home-based or online businesses will have tables set up in the WHBPAC lobby. "Those are businesses that might not actually have a storefront," Draskin says, noting that they wanted to give non-Main Street sellers an opportunity to join the fun.

Shoppers may also deliver unwrapped gifts to the WHBPAC lobby for the theater's annual Toys for Tots drive, helping make kids happy, any time through this Sunday, December 4.

"Last years' stroll was a resounding success. Supporting our local economy and driving opportunities to create goodwill among our community is paramount to our mission," WHBPAC Executive Director Julienne Penza-Boone says, while Draskin adds that Southampton Town Supervisor Jay Schneiderman, Suffolk County Legislator Bridget Fleming and Westhampton Beach Mayor Maria Moore all attended the Holiday Stroll in 2021.

"Westhampton Beach has a vibrant downtown, including this year the restaurants, the stores, they have really amazing, unique offerings," Draskin says, describing an evening where everyone wins. "It's really a place where you can feel good about supporting your local stores, supporting the local theater and you're going to get some beautiful gifts that you might not be able to get anywhere else."

*Kick off your Holiday Stroll on Friday, December 2 (happening from 5–8 p.m., rain or shine) at Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center, 76 Main Street in the Village of Westhampton Beach. Call 631-288-1500 or visit whbpac.org.*

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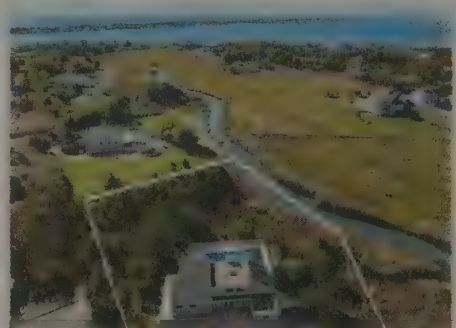

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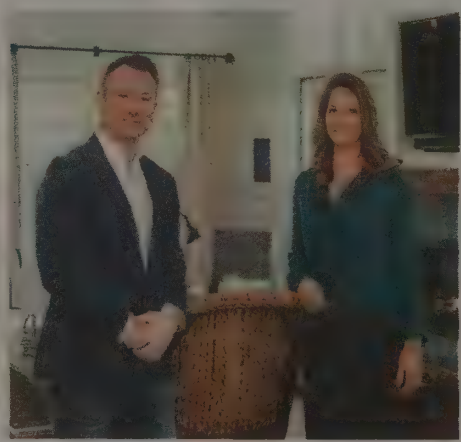

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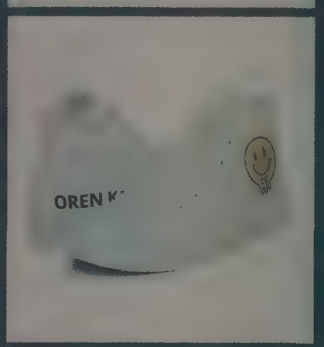

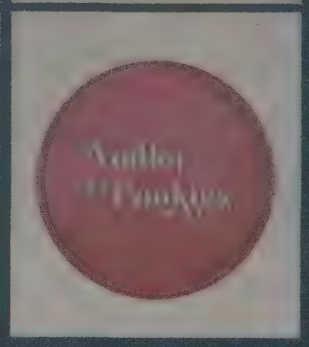

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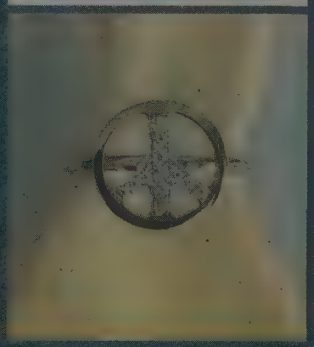

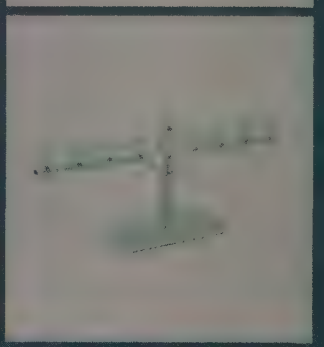

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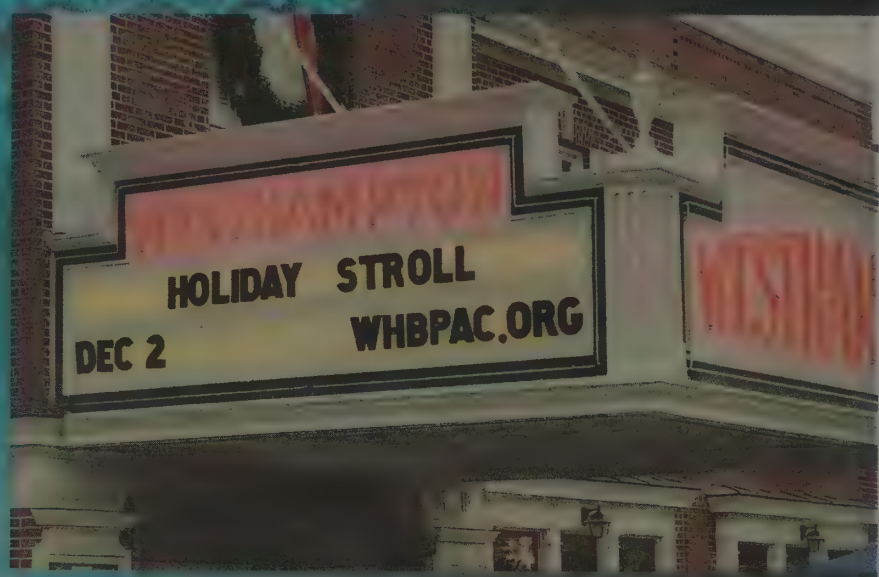

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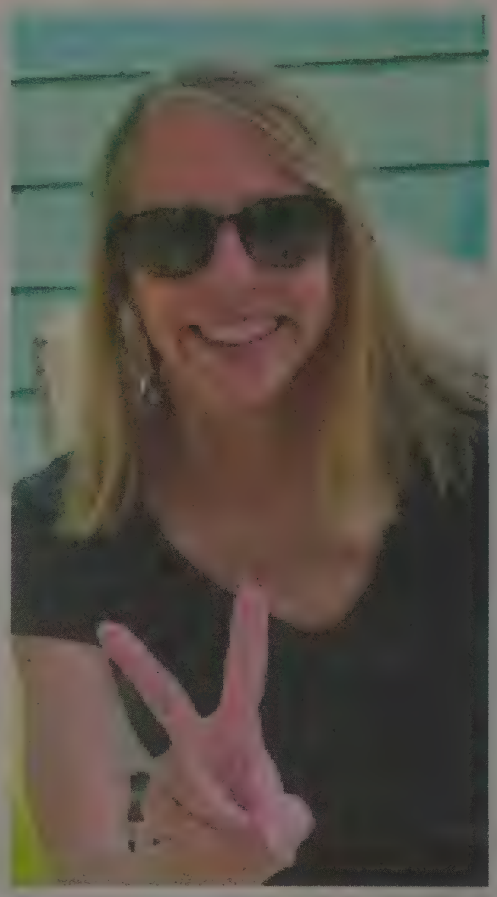

CAROLEE "DEETS" DOUCETT

Carolee "Deets" Doucett died on November 18 after a difficult 10-month battle with cancer. She was 61 years young.

Doucett lived life to the fullest and was so proud of her devoted husband, Tiger, and her son, Bill, who was her world. Doucett was a caring, generous, loving person with a great sense of humor. She touched many people beyond her family.

She worked for 25 years at Creations by Lisa, where she greeted everyone with her contagious smile. Doucett was always gifting people her delicious baked goods, from her annual Christmas cookies to the treats sent to Plum Island for her husband's coworkers. Her love was giving gifts — and she was so thoughtful with her choices.

Halloween, her favorite holiday, was filled with over-the-top parties for Bill and his friends in their younger days. Doucett considered herself a "bonus mom" to all Bill's friends. Their house filled with kids made her happy.

Doucett documented all events with pictures. She was responsible for gathering the family for every group photo, lining up the siblings from youngest to oldest, and sending out prints. When people groaned, she said, "You'll thank me for this later." (And sure enough, they do.)

Doucett loved family island vacations, especially to Barbados. She was passionate about animals and often brought food and blankets to the animal shelter. Not too long ago, she found an injured seagull and brought it to the vet. (Who does that?!)

Sadly, she leaves behind her husband, Tiger; son, Bill; her sheltie, Rico; sisters Sandee Tompkins (Rich) and Darline "Mope" McGinness (Rob); and brothers Bob Brush (Hope) and John Brush (Darlene). She also leaves behind "Nanny" Doucett and nieces and nephews, including her niece Lisa Brush D'Orio (Joe), who she just adored and who held a special place in her life. Doucett also leaves behind many deeply loved friends (they know who they are).

The family would like to thank East End Hospice, especially Doucett's nurse, Melanie, for all the kindness and care they gave during this time. Memorial donations may be made to East End Hospice, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or North Fork Animal Welfare League. Per Doucett's wishes, there will be no service.

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In its Home Design Trends Survey, the American Institute of Architects found that the popularity of outdoor living spaces increased by 72 percent between 2012 and 2017, highlighting just how much homeowners enjoy spending time outdoors. By taking measures to make their outdoor living spaces winterproof, homeowners can enjoy these areas of their homes even more.

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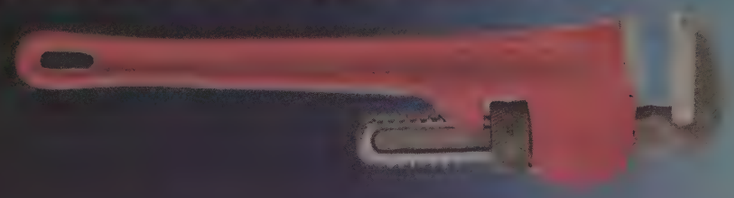

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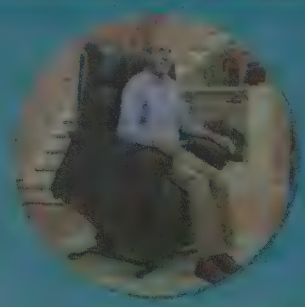

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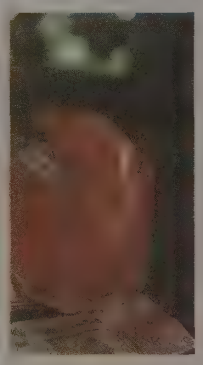

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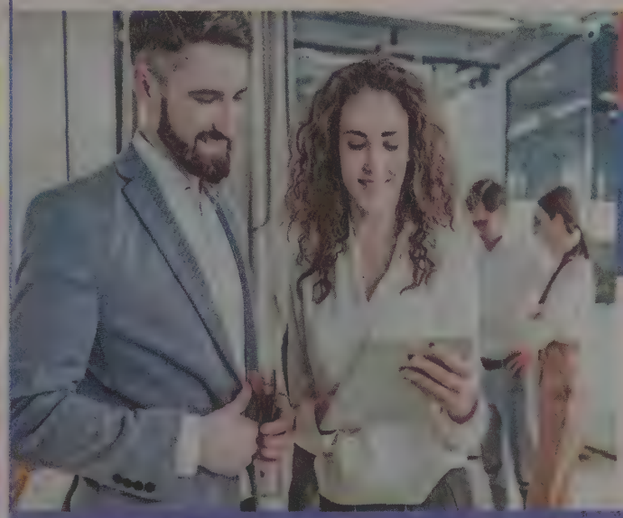


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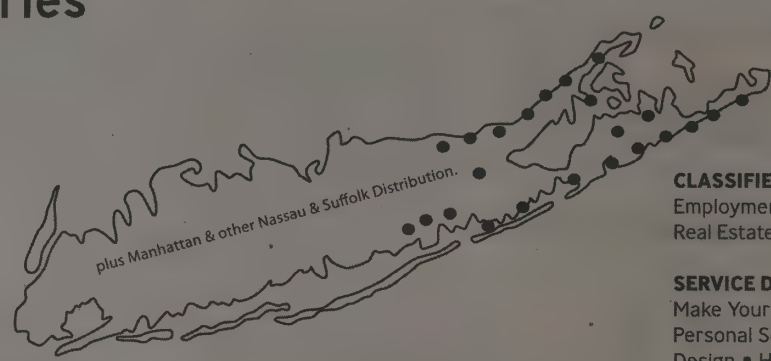


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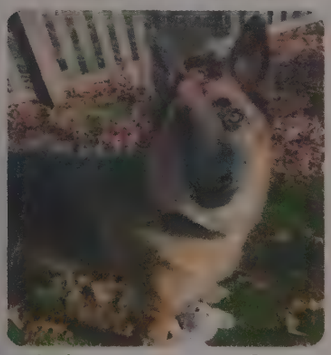

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HIGH PROFILE

# *Earle Mack:* NYC's Renaissance Man

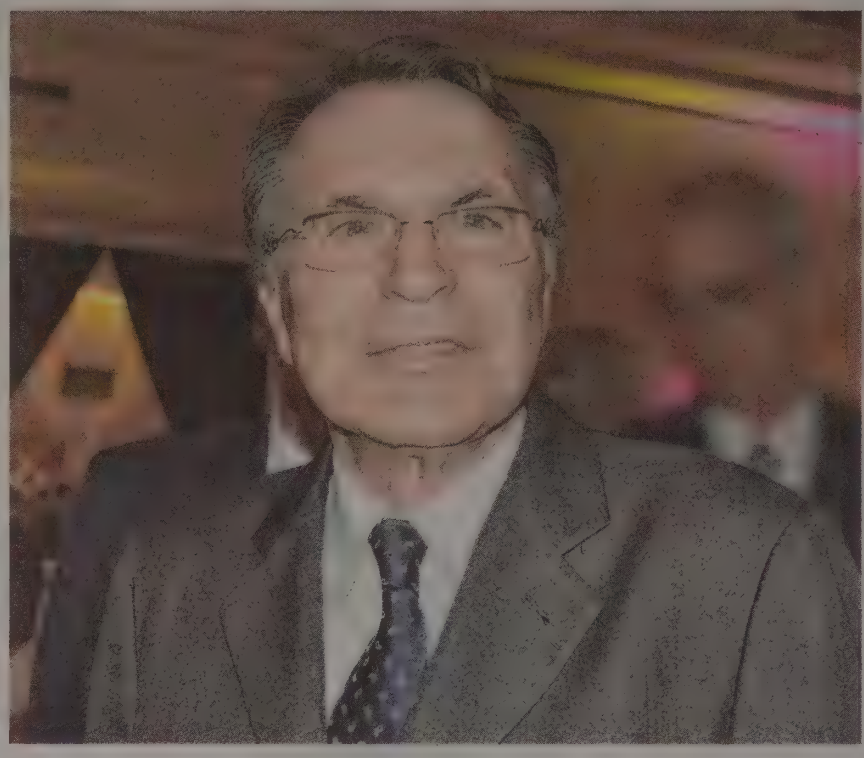
BY TODD SHAPIRO

Earle Mack has been New York City's "Renaissance Man," performing important philanthropic work for decades. A former U.S. ambassador to Finland, he has recently directed his philanthropic efforts toward the arts and helping veterans, including launching the Man O' War Project at Columbia University Irving Medical Center, which focuses on equine-assisted therapy to treat PTSD and anxiety among veterans and children. Mack's legacy is among New York's greatest, and now he takes the same passion that guided him for decades to perform important charitable work to help the people of Ukraine.

Mack graduated from Drexel University and attended Fordham University School of Law. After college, he helped lead The Mack Company, a real estate property and investment company, a family business since 1900 when his grandfather, Philip Mack, arrived in New York. Mack also was intimately involved in the rebuild of lower Manhattan after September 11, 2001, serving as the chairman for Arts Rebuild New York, a collective organization that helped catalyze New York's recovery in the wake of the terrorist attacks.

Receiving acclaim for his business savvy and entrepreneurial spirit, Mack earned the respect of many of New York City and State's most powerful leaders and elected officials. In recognition of his work and leadership, Mack was appointed the ambassador to Finland by President George W. Bush. Ambassador Mack would serve with distinction at the post beginning in 2004.

While his impact has been felt in international diplomacy, as well as domestic affairs, Ambassador Mack has been profoundly influential in the world of the arts and humanities. Early in his career, Ambassador Mack made a commitment to advancing the arts in New York City and across the state of New York. Beginning in the 1960s, Mack became intimately involved with the effort to save the beloved New York State Shakespeare Public Theater, later the Public Theater, from shutting down. With Mack's support, the New York City Council voted in favor of keeping the theater open, ensuring equitable access to the arts for all New Yorkers.



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EARLE MACK

Ambassador Mack has held various leadership positions in organizations that further the American arts, including but not limited to the powerful New York State Council of the Arts, including the roles of chairman and CEO, and now chairman emeritus. He has also supported and served as co-chairman of the board of directors for the respected Dance Theatre of Harlem and served almost 20 years on the board of the New York City Ballet. Ambassador Mack received an Academy Award nomination in 1977 for producing and co-directing the documentary *The Children of Theatre Street*, a look at the Vaganova Academy of Russian Ballet, narrated and introduced by Princess Grace of Monaco.

Mack has made a career of advancing opportunities for others. As a passionate and active alumnus of Drexel University, Mack is the founding donor of the Drexel Law School, which once bore his name. He has also served as chairman of the board of the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, where he was elected chairman emeritus upon his retirement. Mack is the recipient of three honorary law degrees, from Drexel University, the Fordham University Law School and the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, all of which have invited him to serve as commencement speaker.

Ambassador Mack's work in the equine industry also has earned him immense praise. Mack was awarded the Eclipse Award of Merit, given by the national equine industry for outstanding service. In 2015, he started the Man O' War Project at Columbia University Irving Medical Center, which funds groundbreaking research into the application of equine-assisted therapies to treat veterans suffering from PTSD. The study has proven so successful that Columbia is now exploring the use of this treamtent for children suffering from depression and anxiety.

More recently, Ambassador Mack has again set his sights internationally, with the will to help others through his philanthropic and humanitarian initiatives.

While it may have been 15 years since the ambassador left the State Department, he has still been able to leverage his relationships and influence to benefit the people of Ukraine. In February 2022, when Russian boots first landed on the ground in Ukrainian territory, Ambassador Mack was motivated to help assist the refugees and families fleeing their homeland.

Less than a month after the invasion began, Ambassador Mack teamed up with an old friend, former three-term New York Governor George Pataki, who had launched his own efforts, through the George Pataki Leadership Foundation, to aid Ukrainian refugees. As a Ukrainian descendent, this cause has become extremely close to Ambassador Mack.

Through conversations with high-ranking government officials in Ukraine and the surrounding territories, Gov. Pataki and Ambassador Mack learned of the true, human impact that the conflict was having in Eastern Europe. While pundits on cable news talked of the political underpinnings of the conflict, Ambassador Mack and Gov. Pataki put words to action.

Ambassador Mack and Gov. Pataki, with contacts on the ground, were able to determine that the areas of most need for the refugees were food, clothing, other essentials and housing. They received cooperation from various partners, namely the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, an interfaith partnership of corporate and spiritual leaders from all faiths. Ambassador Mack and Gov. Pataki led the effort to deliver clothing, medicine and a small refuge for those displaced from their homes. The team also brought with them chocolate for children, which brought smiles to faces everywhere.

Their efforts continue through to today. Ambassador Mack and Gov. Pataki have recently learned that the biggest issue in Ukraine and the surrounding regions will be heat during the frigid winters. Schools, hospitals and other buildings that have been converted into refugee centers are in dire need of self-generating heaters. Thankfully, several dozen have been located and purchased, to be delivered to Ukraine before the year's end. These industrial-size heaters are powerful enough to heat entire buildings, and the focus of Ambassador Mack and Gov. Pataki will be to buy and bring these supplies to hospitals, schools and refugee centers.

*Todd Shapiro is an award-winning publicist and associate publisher of* Dan's Papers.

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7:30 *OPENING NIGHT FILM*
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**FRI, 12/2**

★ BAY STREET THEATER ★

2:00 The Thief Collector

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5:00 Patrick and the Whale

7:00 *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTARY FILMS TRIBUTE*
The Territory

**SAT, 12/3**

★ BAY STREET THEATER ★

11:30 *SPECIAL 40TH ANNIVERSARY SCREENING*
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7:00 Cocktail Reception

8:00 Pennebaker Award Program:
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11:00 The Quiet Epidemic

1:30 *2022 FILMMAKER IMPACT AWARD*
Last Flight Home

4:00 Desperate Souls, Dark City and the Legend of Midnight Cowboy

**SUN, 12/4**

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2:00 The Smell of Money

4:00 Turn Every Page: The Adventures of Robert Caro and Robert Gottlieb

7:00 The Treasure of His Youth: The Photographs of Paolo Di Paolo

**MON, 12/5** ★ BAY STREET THEATER ★

12:00 Real Fur

3:00 *SHORTS PROGRAM*

5:30 COVID Century — The Pandemic Preparedness Dilemma

7:30 *2022 ART & INSPIRATION AWARD*
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**TUES, 12/6** ★ BAY STREET THEATER ★

10:00 *YOUNG VOICES PROGRAM*

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